

Week 4

Week 4 Goal:



Name: _____

Date: _____



Did you achieve your week 4 goal?

Yes, I did

No, not yet

Week 5

Week 5 Goal:



How to use this diary

Spend some time learning music. It could be attending a music lesson with your teacher, learning about music theory or practising your instrument by yourself. The more you practise, the faster you'll learn.

Once each week, fill in a space in this diary. To do this, choose two starter questions and take some time to think about your answers. Write your answers in the space, and then set yourself a musical goal for the next week.

For each week you use this diary, you can collect a credit for Children's University. Find 'Children's University Music Diary' on Aspire to log your credit.

Did you achieve your week 5 goal?

Yes, I did

No, not yet

Starter questions

Choose two questions each week to answer.

1. What were you learning in your practice this week?
2. What do you think and feel about the music you were playing?
3. What did you achieve this week that made you feel proud?
4. What did you find challenging or frustrating in your practice this week?
5. What skills or techniques did you improve this week, and how?
6. What do you think you could focus on next week that would help you get better?
7. What did you enjoy most about your music this week?

Hint: Why not chat to your music teacher or someone at home about your practice if you need help getting started?

Week 1

Week 1 Goal:



Choose my final 3 pieces for my grade 4 oboe exam.

I played through a few pieces on the exam Syllabus from section A and B. All pieces quite different but nothing jumped out at me, so will play through a few more next week. Started to learn new scales for grade 4, wrote them all out. Did a quick test of scales from grade 3 with my teacher but mixed results (some good, some not). Since passing grade 3 last term I have been playing in the school's junior orchestra. I love playing in a group with other people. The orchestra sounds amazing and rehearsals are so loud!

Did you achieve your week 1 goal?

Yes, I did

No, not yet

Week 2

Week 2 Goal:



Choose my final 3 pieces for my grade 4 oboe exam (see week 1).

Played more from section A and B, picked Vivaldi and Grant (2/3 for my weekly goal!). Still have to choose third piece. Practised new scales a lot, hard to remember dominant seventh, so must repeat next week. Scales are a bit boring and I get mixed up. Loved playing with school orchestra 2x this week. Reading music and watching conductor at the same time is hard at first, but I'm getting better. We're playing film music for a concert at the end of term. I want us to be good because my gran is coming to listen.

Did you achieve your week 2 goal?

Yes, I did

No, not yet

Week 3

Week 3 Goal:



Play F dominant seventh without a mistake for my teacher.

Practising Vivaldi piece all week, working on phrasing and making expression feel natural, but it doesn't yet. Now have book for working towards grade 5 theory, told to look at it 10 mins every day. Not sure if I'll manage that. Played dominant seventh in F correctly first time in my lesson, teacher very impressed. 2 orchestra rehearsals, conductor a bit strict as she thinks we aren't taking it seriously. Still like playing the film music, it's exciting and lots of people know it. Joined school choir to do more music stuff in a group.

Did you achieve your week 3 goal?

Yes, I did

No, not yet