

Year 5 Spring 2—Music Knowledge Organiser—Notation


This is a musical *stave*. A *stave* is a set of 5 lines that music is composed upon.




This is a *bar*. A *bar* is usually made up of 4 beats, but the *time signature* will tell you this.




This is a *time signature*. It tells you how many beats are in a *bar*. You can have a 3/4 and 4/4 *time signature*.




This is a *crotchet*. A *crotchet* is a note that lasts for 1 beat.




This is a *crotchet rest*. A *crotchet rest* is a pause that lasts one beat.



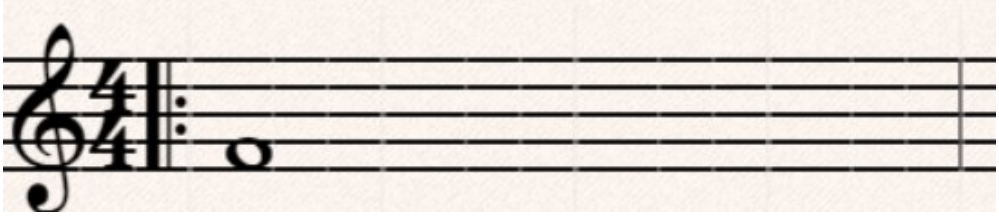
This is a *minim*. A *minim* is a note that lasts for 2 beats.



This is a *semibreve*. A *semibreve* is a note that lasts for 4 beats.



This *bar* shows 1 *crotchet* of 1 beat, 1 *crotchet rest* of 1 beat and a *minim* of 2 beats. When you add the beats together they equal 4 beats (1 + 1 + 2). This is suitable for the 4/4 *time signature*.



This *bar* shows a *semibreve*. Because a *semibreve* lasts for 4 beats, you cannot put any more notes in this *bar*.