

Meridian Music of the Week!

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Even though Meridian is currently closed for most children – our music newsletter will STILL come out each week! Just as before, there will be a new piece of music to listen to. But this time, there will also be some **ideas for activities** which children might want to try if they're at home – connected to the music in some way.

As always, all the music is available **free** on YouTube as well as paid services such as iTunes and Spotify.

This week's music...



It's the final music newsletter of the year - so it's...

'DESERT ISLAND DISCS' time!

I can't believe it's our final 'Meridian Music of the Week' newsletter for this year! Our 30th edition – and a **special one** to finish off the year.

Have you ever heard of the radio programme '**Desert Island Discs**'? It's a show on Radio 4 and it's been on the radio, on and off, for 78 years! What happens is, every week a famous person is invited on to the programme to talk about their life. But, most importantly, they're asked to imagine they will be shipwrecked on a desert island. They have to think of eight records (discs) or pieces of music that they would take with them to their imaginary desert island. So, they have to choose their favourite eight pieces of music. They then play short sections of these choices on the radio programme.

Some people choose all classical music, some choose all pop/rock/soul music, and some choose a combination of both.

As well as the eight pieces of music, they're also allowed to 'take' one book and one 'luxury item' to have on their imaginary desert island.

Now, **YOU** can try the same thing!

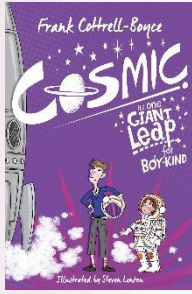
We've listened to LOADS of different music in our newsletters this last year. From Beethoven to Bach, from Prokofiev to Puccini, from Vivaldi to Vaughan-Williams. But which have been **YOUR** favourites?

Obviously, I don't expect you to remember **all** of the music we've listened to this year, so we'll make things a little easier. On the next page are links to some of **my** favourites from this year. What **you** need to do is listen to them all – then choose and write down your **TOP 5** in order – with your **favourite** at number one!

You can also think of a book you would like to take to your desert island – as well as a luxury item! What will you take? (By the way, you're **not allowed** to take an imaginary boat so you can escape the imaginary island!)



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If it were me, I'd probably take my favourite children's book – '**Cosmic**' by Frank Cottrell Boyce and, for my luxury, I'd probably take a guitar!



So, here are your pieces of music to choose from – just a **TOP 5** remember! I'd LOVE to know what your choices are, and also what your desert island book and luxury might be. Why not write them down and send us a photo? Or just email the details of your choices to the school office:

office@meridian.e-sussex.sch.uk

What are **YOUR** Desert Island Discs?

Click on each title to listen on YouTube!

[Benjamin Britten – 'Sea Interludes from the opera 'Peter Grimes'](#)

[Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky – 'The 1812 Overture'](#)

[Giacomo Puccini – 'Un Bel Di' from the opera 'Madame Butterfly'](#)

[Edvard Grieg – 'In The Hall Of The Mountain King' from 'Peer Gynt'](#)

[George Gershwin – 'Rhapsody in Blue'](#)

[Richard Wagner – 'Ride of the Valkyries' from the opera 'Die Walküre'](#)

[Johann Sebastian Bach – 'Air on a G String'](#)

[Beethoven – 'The Moonlight Sonata'](#)

[Edward Elgar – 'Nimrod' from 'The Enigma Variations'](#)

This will be our last music newsletter until September. If you have suggestions for pieces of music we might listen to **next** year – let me know! I'm always keen to listen to something new. I hope you are too! 😊

Listen, enjoy, stay safe and...

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER HOLIDAY!

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