

# Making Music at Home - KS2 Week 9

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Hi everyone, this week is **National Insect Week**.

<https://www.nationalinsectweek.co.uk/>

What is an insect? <https://youtu.be/YjOFjzLgYOM>

Did you know there are lots of insects which sing and make rhythmic sounds? <https://youtu.be/D6shA0yJ8W4>

Having watched the clip, try to make your own insect sounds using 'found' objects, body percussion and your voice; here are some suggestions from the clip...



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Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Born: March 18, 1844 Died: June 21, 1908

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov was a Russian composer who was very good at using the instruments of the orchestra to create pictures and stories. In "Flight of the Bumblebee" he used the string family to create a musical "bumblebee." <https://youtu.be/vtAu7xkwNjQ?t=3>

How would you describe the **tempo** (speed) of the music? You can find out more about tempo here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcbkcj6/articles/z3yfng8>

The music comes from Rimsky-Korsakov's **opera**, The Tale of Tsar Saltan. In the story, a magic swan turns the prince into a bumblebee so that he can visit Tsar Saltan without being seen. As you listen to the music, can you imagine a bumblebee buzzing around the Tsar then quickly flying away so it doesn't get caught? <https://youtu.be/BmYpjaxXh6M?t=2>



You can find out more about the story here: <https://www.classicsforkids.com/shows/shows.php?id=72>

Prepare to learn some more - and be impressed by Ben Lee who claimed to be the fastest violinist in the world... [https://youtu.be/k\\_tQk25pR60](https://youtu.be/k_tQk25pR60)

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Bumblebee and honey bee activities:

[https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/BBCT\\_Kids\\_Activity\\_7-10\\_General\\_v2.pdf](https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/BBCT_Kids_Activity_7-10_General_v2.pdf)

Would you like to be an entomologist? <https://youtu.be/Q-38ocCB0ss>  
You could be an insect detective; see what insects you can identify in your garden or around school?



Draw your own insect and write 5 amazing facts about it...

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2017/11/common-uk-insect-identification/>

