



LESSON 1

String Ensemble

Teaching and Learning Activities

Activity 1 - Long Notes

- a. **Long Notes-** Play long notes using the bow feature of the Smart Strings. (Select a chord for your group)

Activity 2 - Chord Progression

- a. Bow notes across multiple chords
- b. Conduct the ensemble

Activity 3 - Ensemble

- a. Arrange your class into instrument groups
- b. Repeat activity 1 & 2

Activity 4 - Accompaniment

- a. Experiment with different autoplay accompaniments

Additional Activities

- Split into smaller groups and create a unique chord progression using 4 chords
- Explore other ways to create sounds using the chord bars

Activity Notes

- Take time to develop bowing ability, ensuring that pupils can play a range of dynamics
- The faster you bow the louder the sound.
- Try passing the chord from table to table.
- Create a simple chord pattern
- Move between each chord together in time
- Play your chord progression in table groups
- Experiment with creating a unique chord pattern
- Simply tap on a string image to 'ghost' it. The images highlighted will sound when you play the chord bar
- The autoplay string patches are a good place to start.
- Utilise the auto-drums to provide extra rhythm
- There are multiple ways to play the strings, play a progression using another playing technique