

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra presents

SPACE & EXPLORATION

Wider learning exercise...

In the concert you will hear a piece called *Clair de Lune* by a French composer called Claude Debussy.



Debussy was known for composing music that painted a picture and was based on moods, colours and emotions – this is called *impressionism*.

Clair de Lune

This piece of music was written by Debussy around 1890. It comes from a whole piece of music called *Suite Bergamasque*. *Clair de Lune* is named after a poem written by Verlaine. Clair de Lune means 'Moonlight' in French.

This piece was originally written for solo piano, but since its popularity has been orchestrated for a whole orchestra. You will be hearing the full orchestral version but it is interesting to think about how a piece for one instrument can be made into a piece for multiple – this is what orchestration is.

TASK

Make up your own melody line as a soloist and get your friends to join you and add more and more. *Orchestrate* your melody line from a solo into an ensemble!