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Workshop and Concert with the OAE

Dear Parents,

Year 3/4 have been presented with a wonderful opportunity, courtesy of the York Music Hub and the OAE ([Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment](#)). They have invited local schools to come and enjoy a special concert, which involves a performance of a brand new, original musical composition entitled '**Life of the Sea**'. The piece tells the story of a man who has discovered an island and shares the excitement of his discovery with a news reporter. It turns out, however, that the island is actually an island of plastic rubbish that has been thrown into the sea and formed into a large heap. This carries on nicely from our 'Under the Sea' topic from last term and promises to be both a fun and educational addition to our curriculum.

On Friday 17th May, two of the musicians will come into school during the day to do an hour workshop with each Year 3/4 class. During this hour, they will teach the children a song and various body percussion that have all been specially written for the schools taking part. These will make up a part of the composition, which the children will perform along with the orchestra during their recital.

On **Monday 3rd June, during the school morning**, staff will take the Year 3/4 children by coach to the NCEM (National Centre for Early Music, Walmgate) where they will enjoy the performance of the piece of music and also take part in this performance as active audience members: singing their song and adding the body percussion as directed by the conductor.

We are fortunate enough to be able to take part for free, thanks to the incredibly generous contributions from the York Music Hub, who are supporting our participation. This means all we need from parents is a simple permission form signing, as the event takes place during school time.

I am sure that the children will share their excitement, as well as all they've learnt, as they journey through this wonderful music experience.

Yours sincerely,
The Year 3/4 Team

Please reply by completing the following electronic form by the end of the day on Friday 17th May

<https://forms.office.com/e/pm0uAgKkvn>

