

Autumn 1

Knowledge Organiser – Mamma Mia – Year 4, Unit 1

1 – Listen & Appraise: Mamma Mia (Pop)

Structure: Intro, verse, bridge, chorus, introduction, verse, bridge, chorus.

Instruments/voices you can hear: Keyboard sounds imitating strings, a glockenspiel playing as a keyboard, electric guitar, bass, drums.

Find the pulse as you are listening.

2 – Musical Activities using glocks and/or recorders

Warm-up games play and copy back using up to 2 notes – G + A.

Bronze: no notes | Silver: G, sometimes A | Gold: G + A challenge.

Which challenge did you get to?

Singing in unison

Play instrumental parts with the song by ear and/or from notation using the easy or medium part. You will be using up to 3 notes – G, A + B. *Which part did you play?*

Improvise using up to 3 notes – G, A + B.

Bronze: G | Silver: G, sometimes A | Gold: G, A + B challenge. *Which challenge did you get to?*

Compose a simple melody using simple rhythms choosing from the notes G, A + B or G, A, B, D + E (the pentatonic scale)

3 – Perform & Share

Decide how your class will introduce the performance. Perhaps add some funky dance moves? Tell your audience how you learnt this song and why. Record the performance and talk about it afterwards.

The performance will include one or more of the following:

Improvisations • Instrumental performances • Compositions



About this Unit

Theme: ABBA's music.

Facts/info: ABBA was a Swedish pop group formed in 1972.

Listen to 4 other ABBA songs/pieces:

- Mamma Mia
- Dancing Queen
- The Winner Takes It All
- Waterloo
- Super Trouper
- Thank You For The Music

Vocabulary: Keyboard, electric guitar, bass, drums, improvise, compose, melody, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture structure, compose, improvise, hook, riff, melody, solo, pentatonic scale, unison

Reflection

What did you like best about this Unit? Why? Was there anything you didn't enjoy about it? Why?

Did you have any strong feelings about it? Were you proud of yourself, happy or annoyed?

Autumn 2

Knowledge Organiser – Glockenspiel Stage 2 – Year 4, Unit 2

1 – Musical Activities using glocks

Learn more complex rhythm patterns.

Revise, play and read the notes C, D, E, F + G.

Learn to play these tunes:

- Mardi Gras Groovin'
- Two-Way Radio
- Flea Fly
- Rigadoon
- Mamma Mia

Revisit these tunes from Stage 1:

- Portsmouth
- Strictly D
- Play Your Music
- Drive

Compose using the notes C, D, E, F + G.

2 – Perform & Share

Decide how your class will introduce the performance. Tell your audience how you learnt the music and why. Record the performance and talk about it afterwards.

The performance will include one or more of the following:

Improvisations • Instrumental performances • Compositions



About this Unit

Theme: Exploring and developing playing skills using the glockenspiel.

Vocabulary: Rhythm patterns, compose, melody, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture structure,

Reflection

What did you like best about this Unit? Why? Was there anything you didn't enjoy about it? Why?

Did you have any strong feelings about it? Were you proud of yourself, happy or annoyed?

Spring 1

Knowledge Organiser – Stop! – Year 4, Unit 3

1 – Listen & Appraise: Stop! (Grime)

Structure: Intro and 6 rapped verses, each with a sung chorus.

Instruments/voices you can hear: Digital/electronic sounds, turntables, synthesisers, drums.

Can you find the pulse as you are listening? Dance, clap, sway, march, be an animal or a pop star.

2 – Musical Activities using glocks and/or recorders

Warm-up games play and copy back using up to 2 notes – C + D.

Bronze: no notes | Silver: C, sometimes D | Gold: C + D challenge.

Which challenge did you get to?

Singing and rapping in unison and in parts.

Compose your own rapped lyrics about bullying or another topic or theme that you decide.

3 – Perform & Share

Decide how your class will introduce the performance. Perhaps add some choreography?
Tell your audience how you learnt this song and why.
Record the performance and talk about it afterwards.

The performance will include one or more of the following:

Improvisations • Compositions • Rapped lyrics that you composed



About this Unit

Theme: Grime and other styles of music.

Facts/info: Stop! is a song/rap written in a Grime style for you to compose your own lyrics.

Listen to 5 pieces of music in different styles:

- Gotta Be Me performed by Secret Agent 23 Skidoo (Hip Hop)
- Radetzky March by Strauss (Classical)
- Can't Stop The Feeling! by Justin Timberlake (Pop with Soul, Funk and Disco influence)
- Libertango by Astor Piazzolla (Tango)
- Mas Que Nada performed by Sergio Mendes and the Black Eyed Peas (Bossa Nova and Hip Hop)

Vocabulary: Musical style, rapping, lyrics, choreography, digital/electronic sounds, turntables, synthesisers, drums, unison, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture structure, compose, improvise, hook, riff, melody, solo

Reflection

What did you like best about this Unit? Why? Was there anything you didn't enjoy about it? Why?

Did you have any strong feelings about it? Were you proud of yourself, happy or annoyed?

Spring 2

Knowledge Organiser – Lean On Me – Year 4, Unit 4

1 – Listen & Appraise: Lean On Me (Soul/Gospel)

Structure: Intro, verse 1, chorus, verse 2, bridge, chorus, bridge, verse 3, outro.

Instruments/voices you can hear: Male vocal, backing vocal, piano, bass, drums, organ.

Can you find the pulse as you are listening? Dance, clap, sway, march, be an animal or a pop star.

2 – Musical Activities using glocks and/or recorders

Warm-up games play and copy back using up to 2 notes – F + G.

Bronze: no notes | Silver: F, sometimes G |

Gold: F + G challenge.

Which challenge did you get to?

Singing in unison.

Play instrumental parts with the song by ear and/or from notation using the easy or medium part. You will be using up to 4 notes – C, E, F + G.

Which part did you play?

Improvise using up to 3 notes – F, G + A.

Bronze: F | Silver: F + G | Gold: F, G + A challenge.

Which challenge did you get to?

Compose a simple melody using simple rhythms choosing from the notes F, G + A or D, E, F, G + A.

3 – Perform & Share

Decide how your class will introduce the performance. Tell your audience how you learnt this song and why. Record the performance and talk about it afterwards.

The performance will include one or more of the following:

Improvisations • Instrumental performances • Compositions



About this Unit

Theme: Soul/Gospel music and helping each other.

Facts/info: Lean On Me is a soul song written by Bill Withers in 1972. The song has been covered and interpreted as a Gospel song because of its lyrics.

Listen to 5 other soul/gospel songs:

- He Still Loves Me by Walter Williams and Beyoncé
- Shackles by Mary Mary
- Amazing Grace by Elvis Presley
- Ode To Joy Symphony No 9 by Beethoven
- Lean On Me by The ACM Gospel Choir

Vocabulary: Unison, by ear, notation, improvise, melody, pitch, rhythm, pulse, composition, backing vocal, piano, bass, drums, organ, pulse, rhythm, tempo, dynamics, texture structure, compose, improvise, hook, riff, melody, solo

Reflection

What did you like best about this Unit? Why? Was there anything you didn't enjoy about it? Why?

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Summer 1

Knowledge Organiser – Blackbird – Year 4, Unit 5



1 – Listen & Appraise: Blackbird (Pop)

Themes: Equality, civil rights.

Instruments/voices you can hear: Solo male vocals in the verses, another male vocal in the choruses, acoustic guitar, percussion, birdsong.

Do the words of the song tell a story? Does the music create a story in your imagination? What story?

2 – Musical Activities using glocks and/or recorders

Warm-up games play and copy back using 2 notes – C + D.

Bronze: no notes | Silver: C | Gold: C, sometimes D challenge.

Which challenge did you get to?

Singing in unison.

Play instrumental parts with the song by ear and/or from notation using the easy or medium part. You will be using up to 3 notes – C, D + E. *Which part did you play?*

Improvise using up to 3 notes – C, D + E.

Bronze: C | Silver: C, and sometimes D | Gold: C, D + E challenge.

Which challenge did you get to?

Compose a simple melody using simple rhythms choosing from the notes C, D + E or C, D, E, G + A (the pentatonic scale).

3 – Perform & Share

Decide how you going to perform this song. It tells an important story. Tell your audience how you learnt this song and why. Record the performance and talk about it afterwards.

The performance will include one or more of the following:

Improvisations • Instrumental performances • Compositions

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About this Unit

Themes: The Beatles, equality and civil rights.

Facts/info: The Beatles helped to reshape Western Pop music in the 1960s and are one of the most successful bands ever. The Beatles had four members: John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr.

In the 1950s and 1960s, slavery had been abolished in America, but racism was still rife and life wasn't equal for African Americans. The civil rights movement – led by Martin Luther King Jr. – challenged this. There was a huge struggle for equality. Lots of dreadful things were going on and people were dying. After reading about this, Paul wrote the song Blackbird about a black woman, in support of the Black Power Movement.

Listen to 5 other songs by The Beatles

- Yellow Submarine
- Hey Jude
- Can't Buy Me
- Yesterday
- Let It Be

Vocabulary: Acoustic guitar, percussion, birdsong, civil rights, racism, equality, pentatonic scale, unison, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture structure, compose, improvise, hook, riff, melody, solo

Reflection

What did you like best about this Unit? Why? Was there anything you didn't enjoy about it? Why?

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Summer 2

Overview

This unit contains all the classic teaching resources you would expect but with upgrades. These include new Listen & Appraise apps; new progressive Warm-up Games, Flexible Games and improvisation resources, and a new compose tool.



Consolidate your learning and perform

This Unit of Work consolidates the learning that has occurred during the year. All the learning is focused around revisiting songs and musical activities, a context for the History of Music and the beginnings of the Language of Music.

Musical learning focus:

- Listen and Appraise Classical music
- Continue to embed the foundations of the interrelated dimensions of music using voices and instruments
- Singing
- Play instruments within the song