Sing Up Music Unit Overview

Year 4 Term 1



Term	No. of lessons	Title	Musical focus	Musical learning	Song Bank	Watch and listen
Autumn 1	6	This little light of mine	 Pentatonic scale Gospel music Off-beat Rhythm Call-and-response Progression snapshot 1 	 Improvise using the voice on the notes of the pentatonic scale. Sing in a gospel style with expression and dynamics. Play a bass part and rhythm ostinato along with the song. Listen and move in time to songs in a Gospel style. Sing part 1 of a partner song rhythmically. 	 This little light of mine Siren Joyful, joyful I wanna sing scat 	 This little light of mine by Sister Rosetta Tharpe and Soweto Gospel Choir The power of the pentatonic by Bobby McFerrin Progression snapshot videos
Autumn 2	3	The Pink Panther theme	 Timbre Tempo Rhythm Dynamics Atmosphere Music from a film 	 Create atmospheric music for a scene with a given set of instruments. Recognise elements of the music that establishes the mood and character e.g. the rhythm. Talk about the effect of particular instrument sounds (timbre). 	Boom chicka boomHot potato!	 The Pink Panther theme How cartoon sound effects are made
	3	Compo- sing with colour	 Creating music insoired by colour and art Timbre Dynamics 	 Create short sounds inspired by colours and shapes Structure their ideas into a composition Create and read graphic scores Understand timbre and texture 		 Ecstatic orange A colour symphony - Purple Rhapsody in blue Green plastic, pink oil and water
Autumn 2 - Optional	6	My fantasy football team	BeatRhythmRondoRhythm notation	 Compose and perform a whole-class 'rondo' with pupil composed melodic patterns. Identify, play from, and compose with rhythm patterns comprising crotchets, quavers, crotchet rests and minims. Sing a stepping melody with clear articulation and diction. Move to music marking the pulse with action durations: walk (crotchets), jogging (quavers) and stride (minims). 	• My fantasy foot- ball team	 Stepping durations 2 Main theme' from Superman 'Colonel Hathi's march' from The jungle book Flower by Moby

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Term	No. of lessons	Title	Musical focus	Musical learning	Song Bank	Watch and listen
Spring 1	6	The doot doot song	 Chords Structure Ensemble playing and singing Acoustic guitar music Progression snapshot 2 	 Improvise ('doodle') with voices and instruments over a chord pattern. Sing swung rhythms lightly and accurately. Learn a part on an instrument and play as part of a whole-class performance. Sing part 2 pf a partner song rhythmically. Adopt a rhythmic accompaniment while singing. Listen and identify similarities and differences between acoustic guitar styles. 	 The doot doot song Warm-up and stomp canon Bogapilla 	 Somewhere over the rainbow by Harold Arnold and Yip Harburg Where did you sleep last night? by Lead Belly Jolene by Dolly Parton Blowin' in the wind by Bob Dylan Gone by Jack Johnson
Spring 2	3	Fanfare for the common man	FanfareTimbreDynamicsTextureSilence	 Explore how timbre, dynamics and texture can be used for impact in a fanfare. Compose a fanfare using a small set of notes, short, repeated rhythms. Recognise and talk about the musical characteristics of a fanfare using music vocabulary. 	• Nanuma	 Extract from Fanfare for the common man by Aaron Copland Introduction to the timpani - Video Introduction to percussion - Video Extract 'Theme' from Superman by John Williams
	3	From a railway carriage (New Unit January 2023)	 Structure (repetition, round, pattern) Texture (layers, unison) Timbre Beat 	 Improvise and explore a variety of ways in which words can be used to create music. Create word rhythm patterns and longer sequences and explore ways to communicate atmosphere and effect. Listen to pieces of music that have cleverly combined words and music and compare how different composers have approached it. 	 Boom chicka boom Shabuya Bungalow Map rap Popocatépetl 	• <i>Geographical fugue</i> - Video.

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Year 4 Term 3



Term	No. of lessons	Title	Musical focus	Musical learning	Song Bank	Watch and listen
Summer 1	3	Global pentatonics	 Pentatonic scale Different musical traditions and cultures Graphic/dot notation 	 Improvise using a pentatonic scale. Create accompaniment patterns to a pentatonic song. Use graphic and staff notation to represent musical ideas. Compare and understand that the pentatonic scale features in lots of musical traditions and cultures. 	SirenCanoe songCowboy song	 Everywhere we go, Skye boat song, Om Namah Shivaya, Busy weaving, Desert blues Meet the band Bobby McFerrin demonstrates the power of pentatonic Howard Goodall on the pentatonic scale C pentatonic scale backing track
	3	Just 3 notes	 Pitch (C-D-E) rhythm patterns structure dot notation 	 Invent simple patterns using rhythms and notes C-D-E, structuring short ideas into a bigger piece. Notate, read, and follow a 'score'. Compose music, structuring short ideas into a bigger piece. Notate, read, and follow a 'score'. Recognise and copy rhythms and pitches C-D-E. 		 <i>Musical ricercata</i> by György Ligeti <i>In C</i> by Terry Riley <i>Drummers part IV</i> by Steve Reich
Summer 2	6	Favourite song	 Chords Structure Ensemble singing and playing Folk-rock styles Progression snapshot 3 	 Sing with expression and a sense of the style of the song. Play a part on an instrument as part of a whole-class performance. Identity similarities and differences between folk and folk-rock styles. Sing one of the parts in a partner song, rhythmically and from memory. 	 Favourite song Wiggle jiggle Plasticine person 1, 121 	 I will wait by Mumford and Sons The times they are a-changin performed by Bob Dylan and The Byrds Dylan goes electric - Video Behind the scenes - Dylan with Butterfield Blues Band Wiggle jiggle - Teaching video Plastcine person - Teaching video