

UNDERSTAND

Vocabulary

Reggae/Salsa/Calyпсо/Merengue/Soca
Melody
Rhythm
Timbre
Tempo
Timing
Pitch
Texture
Structure
Dynamics
Hook
Bassline
Chords
Offbeat
Leitmotif
Theme
Chord chart
Plectrum
Strumming

Key Information

You will be expected to work in pairs throughout the year, sharing equipment. You will also have to perform in front of others.

What you should already know

Experience singing
Rhythms, melodies

APPLY

Information

Term 1 – Caribbean music.

This will include singing, playing on the keyboard and listening to an analysing pieces of music.

You will learn about how Caribbean music evolved into reggae music. You will play 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley and 'Yellow Bird' on the keyboard in pairs. You will also learn about musical features of reggae music, including the hook, bassline and chords as well as rehearse and perform these on the keyboard.

Term 2 – Film Music

This term you will study the role of music in films. You will complete a range of listening and analysing tasks, as well as analysing the music in cartoons and film clips and trailers.

Your practical work will include learning to play a range of film themes on the keyboard with your partner. You will also have the opportunity to create your own soundtrack for a film trailer.

Term 3 – Video Game and TV music - Composition

This term you will study video game and TV music.

You will use music technology to compose your own character themes.

Want to know more

In year 8, you will study samba music and play a piece of music as a whole class ensemble.

As well as this, you will study jazz and blues music and learn how to play the ukulele.

CREATE

The image displays musical notation for the A Major chord. At the top, a treble clef staff shows the notes A, B, C#, and A. Below this, there are two staves labeled 'BACK LINE (LEFT HAND)' and 'FRONT LINE (RIGHT HAND)'. The back line shows a sequence of notes: A A A C# E C#. The front line shows: C# D# E F# G# A B. Below the notation is a keyboard diagram with five keys highlighted: A (red), C# (yellow), E (red), G# (black), and B (black). A blue box at the bottom contains the text: A Major = A + C# + E.

Links to other subjects

Maths – Duration, rhythm, timing, tempo,