

LKS2 Music Knowledge Organiser: Three Little Birds

Key Enquiry Question: Explore the reggae song Three Little Birds by Bob Marley.

National Curriculum Objectives:

- ★ play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression
- ★ listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory
- ★ appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians
- ★ an understanding of the history of music



Key vocabulary

Word	Meaning
melody	Another name for a tune.
pulse	The heartbeat or steady beat of a song/piece of music.
rhythm	The combination of long and short sounds to make patterns.
pitch	The range of high and low sounds.
tempo	An Italian word used to describe how fast/slow the music goes.
dynamics	How loud or quiet the music is.
texture	Layers of sound in music.
structure	How the sections (verses and choruses etc.) of a song are ordered to make the whole piece.
hook	A term used in pop music to describe a short catchy phrase or riff that we can't stop singing; the bit that 'hooks' us in; the main musical idea from a song that we remember.
riff	A short repeated phrase, often played on a lead instrument such as guitar, piano or saxophone
keyboard	An electric instrument played like the piano. It has a range of pre-recorded sounds.
electric guitar	A guitar whose tone is magnified electrically by a microphone that is built into the instrument.
bass	The member of a family of instruments that is the lowest in pitch.
drums	A percussion instrument sounded by being struck with sticks or the hands, typically cylindrical, barrel-shaped, or bowl-shaped, with a taut membrane over one or both ends.
improvise	To make up a tune and play it on the spot; there is an assumption that it can never be recreated.
compose	Creating and developing musical ideas.
Introduction	Music heard at the beginning of a song or piece of music
Verse	A section in a song which has the same tune but different words
chorus	: A repeated section in a song which gives the main message
Organ	Organ usually refers to church organs but is also used to describe a type of electric keyboard that is large and with 2 or 3 keyboards and foot pedals.
Backing vocals	The accompaniment to a song
reggae	songs are often about love, religion and social issues.

Sticky Knowledge:

- ★ Bob Marley is one of the most famous performers of Roots Reggae music.
- ★ He has helped spread both Jamaican music and the Rastafari movement worldwide.
- ★ Reggae music began in Jamaica and became popular in the late 1960s.
- ★ Listen to 6 other reggae songs:
 - I Can See Clearly Now by Johnny Jamming by Bob Marley ● Small People by Ziggy Marley
 - 54-46 Was My Number by Toots and The Maytals ● Ram Goat Liver by Pluto Shervington ● Our Day Will Come by Amy Winehouse