

UKS2 Music Knowledge Organiser: Dancing in the Street

Key Enquiry Question: *Explore the song Dancing in the Street by Martha and The Vandellas*

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
- ★ improvise and compose music for a range of purposes



Key vocabulary

Word	Meaning
soul	music that mixes rhythm and blues, gospel music and pop music.
harmony	Different notes sung or played at the same time to produce chords
melody	Another name for tune.
cover	A version of a song performed by someone other than the original artist. It might sound a bit or very different from the original.
groove	The rhythmic part of the music that makes you want to move and dance.
Bass line	The lowest line of a piece of music. It is usually played on a bass instrument, like the double bass or bass guitar.
backbeat	A repeated pattern that uses the snare drum on beats 2 and 4
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.
timbre	The quality and character of the sound.
texture	Layers of sound in music.
structure	How the sections (verses and choruses etc.) of a song are ordered to make the whole piece.
Brass section	a part of an orchestra containing all instruments of the same class, in this case brass instruments. It includes the trumpet, tuba, trombone, French horn , bugle, and cornet, just to name a few.
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
compose	Creating and developing musical ideas and 'fixing' these.
improvise	To make up a tune and play it on the spot; there is an assumption that it can never be recreated.

Sticky Knowledge:

- ★ Dancing In The Street was written by Marvin Gaye, William "Mickey" Stevenson and Ivy Jo Hunter.
- ★ It first became popular in 1964 with Martha And The Vandellas.
- ★ The track was recorded on the Motown record label and became one of its signature songs.
- ★ Motown is a famous record label founded in Detroit, Michigan in the late 1950s by Berry Gordy. It is known for signing many well-known rhythm and blues singers and groups.