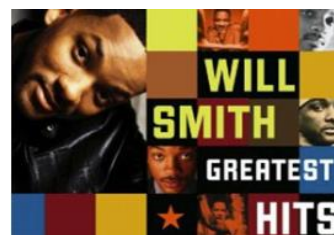


## UKS2 Music Knowledge Organiser: The Fresh Prince of Bel Air

**Key Enquiry Question:** *Explore the song The Fresh Prince of Bel Air, an Old-School Hip Hop by Will Smith.*

### 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.
timbre	The quality and character of the sound.
texture	Layers of sound in music.
Old-school Hip Hop	Old-school hip hop (also spelled old skool) is the earliest recorded hip hop music and original style of the genre.
synthesizer	A musical synthesizer is an instrument that uses electricity to make musical sounds. They are the main instrument for making electronic music. Many synthesizers have a keyboard like that of a piano.
deck	Deck is a multitrack recording and mixing environment. Mixing is the process of using the decks, mixer and headphones to blend one track smoothly into the next.
riff	A short repeated phrase, often played on a lead instrument such as guitar, piano or saxophone
Funk	Funk music mixes Rhythm and Blues music with soul music. Funk music is dance music.
scratching	Scratching, sometimes referred to as scrubbing, is a DJ and turntablist technique of moving a vinyl record back and forth on a turntable to produce percussive or rhythmic sounds.
unison	When two or more voices sound like one.
compose	Creating and developing musical ideas
improvise	To make up a tune and play it on the spot; there is an assumption that it can never be recreated.
cover	A <b>cover</b> version (or simply " <b>cover</b> ") is a <b>song</b> which is re-recorded by a singer or <b>band</b> , after another artist has released a recording of it.
Rap	Rap is rhythmic, rhyming speech. Rap songs often tell stories about rappers and their backgrounds.

### Sticky Knowledge:

- ★ Hip hop began in America in the 1970s
- ★ This musical style emerged in New York, where block parties became protest events. The parties would take place outside and would feature an MC (master of ceremonies) who would speak about political issues in the communities.
- ★ The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air was written and performed by Will Smith in 1990 for a television series of the same name. The music and show were written by Quincy Jones.
- ★ Hip Hop has now become one of the most popular genres of music in the world, often featuring rapping from many different languages and influences from many walks of life.