

## UKS2 Music Knowledge Organiser: Livin' on a Prayer

**Key Enquiry Question:** *Explore the song Living on a Prayer by Bon Jovi.*

### 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
rock	Rock mostly uses the electric guitar as part of a rock group with bass guitar and drums. Rock music is song-based and has a strong beat.
bridge	Contrasting section which leads back to main material. Can be repeated.
backbeat	Beats 2 and 4 in a drum-line or if we are clapping along with the music
amplifier	An amplifier is a device that makes an electronic signal stronger, and it's most often used to increase the volume of musical instruments.
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.
chorus	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. a group of singers e.g. a choir</li> <li>2. the most memorable part, containing the ultimate message of the piece. Usually comes between verses and its lyrics are repeated.</li> </ol>
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:

- ★ Livin' on a Prayer is a Rock song that was released in 1986.
- ★ The words tell us about life in the 1980's.
- ★ Rock music is related to a number of other genres such as blues and folk. It has influences from jazz, classical and other music genres as well.
- ★ Rock music, also called rock and roll, rock & roll, or rock 'n' roll, is a form of popular music that emerged in the 1950s.