

UKS2 Music Knowledge Organiser: Classroom Jazz 1

Key Enquiry Question: *To explore Jazz, improvisation and swing through the Three Note Bossa and Five Note Swings.*

National Curriculum Objectives:

- ★ improvise music for a range of purposes using the interrelated dimensions of music
- ★ 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
- ★ develop an understanding of the history of music



Key vocabulary

Word	Meaning
appraising	Listening carefully and considering aspects of the music.
Bossa nova	A Brazilian dance music that has syncopated guitar rhythms
improvise	To make up a tune and play it on the spot; there is an assumption that it can never be recreated.
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.
syncopation	Music with lots of rhythmic variety, often quite difficult. The strong beats occur in unexpected places.
swing	A type of rhythm often associated with Jazz. Notes in the rhythm pattern are made longer and shorter to create a syncopated effect.
structure	How the sections (verses and choruses etc.) of a song are ordered to make the whole piece.
(Tune) head	In playing the music, the head refers to any time the band or musician plays the theme to the song. Usually this happens once or twice at the beginning and the end of a performance.
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
Note values	A note value is the length of time that a musician sounds a particular pitch
solo	An Italian word used to describe playing/singing/performing on our own
Note names	Most musicians use the chromatic scale. In the chromatic scale there are 7 main musical notes names called A, B, C, D, E, F, and G. They each represent a different frequency or pitch.
Big bands	A big band is a type of musical group that plays jazz music and typically consists of approximately 12 to 25 musicians and contains saxophones, trumpets, trombones, and a rhythm section.

Sticky Knowledge:

- ★ Bossa Nova originated in South America.
- ★ Swing music, or simply swing, is a form of popular music developed in the United States that dominated in the 1930s and 1940s
- ★ Jazz is an original style of American Music. It is a unique blend of many styles of music including gospel music, brass bands, African music, blues, and Spanish music.