

## UKS2 Music Knowledge Organiser: Happy

**Key Enquiry Question:** : Explore the song Happy, a Pop song by Pharrell Williams.

### 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.
structure	How the sections (verses and choruses etc.) of a song are ordered to make the whole piece.
dimensions of music	Musical dimensions identify the ways in which any sound can be described and the ways in which each dimension can be changed to create different musical effects.
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
solo	An Italian word used to describe playing/singing/performing on our own
style indicators	Identifiers that show us the genre of the music
neo soul	The style emerged from Soul and contemporary RnB
producer	A record producer or music producer oversees and manages the sound recording and production of a band or performer's music.
groove	The rhythmic part of the music that makes you want to move and dance
motown	A 1960s label created from Soul music characterised by a rhythm section playing, laying down the groove with a funky bassline and a tambourine sounding over the top.

### Sticky Knowledge:

- ★ Happy is a song written, produced and performed by Pharrell Williams.
- ★ Happy is a Pop song that has a soul music sound and groove from the 1960s; very much like a Motown song.
- ★ Happy was released as a soundtrack for the film Despicable Me 2 (2013)
- ★ Pharrell Williams has said he was asked to write a song about the character Gru, who was grumpy and unhappy for most of Despicable Me, falling in love and becoming more cheerful.