

HALF TERM 1: Introduction to Notation

Pupils will learn, -

The contents of standard notation

- **The stave** What purpose does the stave have?
- **Time Signature** What each number represents. Identify duple/triple/quadruple time – Simple and compound time
- **Key Signature** Circle of fifths (How to identify the key signature through the amount of #'s and b's)
- **Treble Clef** Starting point to identify pitch
- **Bars** What constitutes and bar and why do we use them in music
- Notes

<u>How to read music in Treble Clef (Learning the pitches on the stave)</u>

- Every Good Boy Deserves Football Identifying the pitches on the stave on the lines – How to visually identify them.
- **FACE** in the space. Identifying the pitches in the spaces on the stave
- Reading simple notation in a piece of music

<u>How to read music in Bass Clef (learning the pitches on the stave)</u>

- Good Boys Do Fine Always Identifying the pitches on the lines on the stave in the Bass clef
- All Cows Eat Grass Identifying the **pitches** in the spaces of stave in the Bass Clef.

What is a time signature?

- **Common time** Identifying 4/4 time and how to count in this time signature
- **Duple/ triple and Quadruple time signatures** How to identify each type of time signature?
- Simple time number of beats in a bar for simple time 4/4, 3/4, 2/4, 3/8, and 2/2.
- **Compound Time** number of beats in a bar for compound time. Numbers divisible by 3

Note names and lengths

- **Semi Breve** what does it look like? How many beats is it worth? 4 Beats
- **Minim** what does it look like? How many beats is it worth? 2 Beats
- **Crotchet** what does it look like? How many beats is it worth? 1 Beat
- Quavers what does it look like? How many beats is it worth? ½ beat
- Semi Quavers what does it look like? How many beats is it worth? ¼ beat
- How to read them on a stave

End of unit test - Music Theory Quiz;

- Identifying Pitches
- Time Signatures
- Rhythms



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Students will be able to analyse standard notation on a piece of music and descirbe the key features that are identified



Key Words;

- Stave
- Time Signature
- Key Signature
- Treble Clef
- Bass Clef
- Pitch
- Simple Time
- Compound Time
- Semi Breve
- Minim
- Crotchet
- Quaver
 - Semi-Quaver



This unit of work provides the students with an opportunity to learn and understand a new skill of reading music. This offers opportunities within learning an instrument and potentially leading to a career or a passion in music.

Careers available;

- Musician
- Music Producer
- Teacher



Homework		
Lesson 1;		
- Revise the 5 different features of standard notation		
- Revise how to read pitches on the stave in Treble		
Clef		
Lesson 2;		
- Revise how to read pitches on the stave in the Bass		
Clef		
- Revise the different note lengths and names for		
identifying Rhythm		
Lesson 3;		
- Revise Simple Time signatures		
 Revise Compound Time signatures Revise for end of unit test 		
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HALF TERM 2: The Blues		BBC Bitesize – The Blues
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Pupils will learn;		www.musictheoryacademy.com/understanding-
History of the Diversity		music/12-bar-blues
<u>History of the Blues style</u>		Students will listen to a piece of piece of Blues
Developed in the UCA effect the American Civilence		and analyse the key features and
- Developed in the USA after the American Civil war		instrumentation that can be heard in the piece
 Influenced by work songs, Field hollers, Ragtime, Church music and folk music. 		instrumentation that can be near a in the piece
		Students will answer the questions 'Compare
 Majority of Blues musicians were of African descent 		and contrast the key features of Blues heard In 2
- Delta blues first recorded in 1920's		different Blues pieces?'
		Key Words
 Traditional songs handed down by word of mouth Homemade Instruments initially 		- 12 Bar Blues
- Development of instrumentation		- Melody
- Development of instrumentation	25 <	- Pentatonic
Key musical features of the Blues		- Blue note
Rey musical leatures of the blues		- Melismatic
Cod modeding		- Tonic
- Sad melodies		- Sub dominant
- Vocalist with guitarist		- Dominant
 Many of the melodies move within the blues scale - a minor pentatonic scale with the addition of a 		- Syncopation
flattened fifth – Blue note		- Rhythm
- it was common to include bent notes - usually the		Link to History – Slave trade and America after
flattened third, fifth or seventh note of the scale		the American Civil war
- the performer often improvises over a chord		
progression	0	
Melismas are heard in many Blues vocal melodies		
- 12 Bar blues – Chords I, IV, V		
- 4/4 time		
- Syncopation		
- Swing rhythms		
- Walking bassline		
Key Question - 'Compare and contrast the key features of		
Blues heard In 2 different Blues pieces?'		



Performance Task

- Learn to play the 12-bar blues on Keyboard
- Learn to be play the Blues Scale
- Learn to play a short piece of Blues music using the
 12 bar blues and blues scale
- Improvisation on the Blues Scale

<u>Assessment – End of Unit Quiz – Key features of Blues</u> music

Homework

Lesson 1;

- Revise the 5 key facts of the history of the Blues

Lesson 2;

- Revise the meaning of Tonic, Subdominant, Dominant
- Revise the Key Musical features of the Blues

Lesson 3;

Revise for end of unit test;

- History of Blues
- Key Musical Features of Blues
- Blues Scale
- 12 Bar Blues

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HALF TERM 3: Programme Music

Pupils will learn,

What is programme music?

- Descriptive Programme music Using a place/
 Object/ picture to create music Carnival of the Animals/ The Planets
- Narrative Programme music Using the music to tell a story – Peter and the Wolf
- Key Features of programme music
- Examples of Programme Music Peter and the Wolf by Prokiev.
- Famous composers of programme music Berlioz/ Prokiev

DRSMITH - Key elements of music

- Dynamics The volume of the music (Forte/ Piano/ Mezzo Forte/ Crescendo/ Diminuendo)
- Rhythm A pattern of notes together
- Structure How the piece is made up
- Melody The main part of the music (Tune)
- Instruments Which instruments are being used
- Texture How many layers are in the music
- Harmony The chords used?
- How to Implement DRSMITH into music



- Composing music to tell a story BBC Bitesize
- Peter and the Wolf, a Virtual Education
 Program Musical Zoo 2021
 (fcsymphony.org)



Extended Writing Tasks

- Students will listen to an analyse how the features of DRSMITH are used to create a descriptive piece of programme music, 'Spring' by Vivaldi
- Students will watch and listen to Peter and the Wolf and analyse of Prokiev has used the features of DRSMITH to create a narrative piece of programme music



Key Words;

- Descriptive music
- Narrative music
- Dynamics
- Rhythm
- Structure
- Melody
- Instruments
- Texture
- Tonality
- TempoHarmony



Vivaldi's 'Spring'. How does the music relate to sonnet used by Vivaldi? Use of DRSMITH?	0	
Analysis of how the composer uses music to tell a story in Peter and the Wolf. (Analysing motifs and features of programme music.)	T	
Half Term Assessment – Quiz on Programme music		
Homework; Lesson 1; - Two types of programme music - Key features of DRSMITH – names		
Lesson 2 - Meanings of DRSMITH key features - 3 different types of texture – monophonic, homophonic and polyphonic Lesson 3 - Revise for end of unit quiz		
HALF TERM 4: Introduction to Composition		https://setapp.com/how-to/use-garageband- on-mac
Pupils will learn-		
How to use Garage band? - How to start a new score? - How to change key signature? - How to change time signature? - Adding new instruments to the score - How to pick instruments - How to record – Counting in, ensuring recording starts in the correct position.		Students will create a portfolio of 4 short compositions using the key process of Garageband and key features of composing Key Words - Key Signatures - Time Signatures
 How to Time Quantize How to edit notes How to edit recordings – cutting/ copying/ pasting/ looping. Layering separate recordings. 	<i>>V</i> \	 Time Quantize Looping Motif Conjunct Disjunct Sequence Imitation
 How to create melodies using compositional techniques? Using notation knowledge learnt, how do you compose music? 		- Repetition - Cadences Links to IT using Apple Macs and Garageband
Creating a Motif and motif development.	8	Software
Pupils will create a portfolio of <u>FOUR short motifs.</u> They will start from a basic composition using conjunct and disjunct movements and basic use of a key signature.		Software provides new skills on music recording and production with links to a career in music production and sound engineers
Pupils will then develop their original motif using compositional devices.		
Motif 1 - What is a motif? A Short musical phrase used as a basis of music. - Conjunct and disjunct movement between notes (Stepwise and jump). – Using pitch in the treble clef		



to identify stepwise and jump movement between	
notes.	

- Scales – using a C major and G major scale to compose a short melody (Links to key signatures)

Motif 2

- Repetition
- Imitation Another part using the same melodic/ Harmonic/rhythmic material

Motif 3

Sequences – 3 Rules – Moving in one direction,
 Intervals the same distance between motifs and no more than 4 repetitions.

Motif 4

- Cadences What is a cadence?
- Using a perfect cadence to make the motif sound finished?
- Using an imperfect cadence to make the piece sound unfinished.

All Motifs will be composed on Garageband.

Assessment -

- Portfolio of 4 Compositions
- Quiz on processes of Garageband and Key features of Composition

<u>Homework;</u>

Lesson 1;

- Revise processes of the use of Garageband

Lesson 2

Revise the key features of Composition – Motif/
 Conjunct/ Disjunct/ Repetition and Imitation

Lesson 3

- Revise the key features of composition –
 Sequences and Cadences
- Revise for end of unit quiz

HALF TERM 5: Guitar Skills

Pupils will Learn;

Basics of Playing a guitar

- The body
- The neck
- The fretboard
- The strings
- Use of fingers on the fretboard
- Strumming
- Plucking

How to read Guitar chord diagrams



Guitar Chord Handbook (ku.edu)

<u>Microsoft Word - GuitarChordsForBeginners-E-Book (word) V2.docx</u>

(nationalguitaracademy.com)



Students will be able to describe where each finger is placed in which fret and on which string.



Key Words

- Fretboard
- Strumming
- Plucking
- Chord Diagrams



- Students will learn to analyse the diagrams which inform them of which fingers are placed in which frets and on which strings for different chords
- They will be able to identify how many strings are to be played per chord



Performing Arts – Performance Skills

Learning to play chords

- A major
- E major
- D major
- G Major
- E Minor
- A Minor

<u>Assessment - Performance</u> – Students play the 6 chords in succession focusing on accuracy of pitch, finger positions, use of correct strings and transitions

Homework;

Lesson 1;

- Revise the key components of a guitar

Lesson 2

 Revise how to read chord diagrams – frets, strings and strumming

Lesson 3

 Revise the guitar chord diagrams for each chord to be played

HALF TERM 6: Band Work

Pupils will learn;

The key skills of performing in an ensemble

- Non-verbal communication skills eye contact, body language, head movements, accented notes
- Tempo The speed of the music
- Timing Being able to ensure pupils can play in time with each other when playing in an ensemble
- How to play together

<u>Taylor Swift, 'Shake it off'—All pupils will learn each individual part to the song on;</u>

- Vocals Reading from sheet music and singing in time with accompaniment – Learning the lyrics/ Structure of the piece/ When to come in
- Piano reading chord charts and learning to play chords with the correct notes and finger patterns.
 Using fingers 1, 3 and 5 to play each chord
- The correct notes for the 4 Chords
- Bass Guitar How to read bass tablature and play simple basslines on the instrument. – What is a Fret? Which fingers do you use to pluck the guitar? Where do you put your fingers on your left hand on the fretboard?



<u>The Ultimate Guide to Performing on Stage (schoolofrock.com)</u>



Students will learn and develop a performance within a band leading to a final assessed performance



Key Words

- Communication
- Tempo
- Timing
- VocalsChords
- Melody
- Motifs



Performing Arts – Performing skills

Students will develop confidence through performing to others

Links to careers in music and performing arts and provides skills linked to public speaking



-	Acoustic Guitar – How to read guitar tablature and
	how to play 4 chords on the guitar. Where to put
	your fingers on the fret board to ensure the correct
	chord is played? How many strings are strummed
	for each chord?

Rehearsals

- Students will partake in rehearsals in which the individual instrumental parts are to be combines to produce a cover version of 'Shake it off'.
- Students are to focus on timing, accuracy, tempo and final performance.

Final Performance

- Students are to perform their cover version of 'Shake it off'.