## Knowledge Organiser – Happy – Year 6, Unit 1

### 1 – Listen & Appraise: Happy (Pop/Neo soul)

What style indicators can you hear?

Describe the structure?

What instruments/voices you can hear?

Describe the musical dimensions?

# **2 – Musical Activities** using glocks and/or recorders

Warm-up games play and copy back using up to 3 notes – A, G + B. Bronze: A | Silver: A + G | Gold: A, G + B challenge. Which challenge did you get to?

Singing in 2 parts.

**Play instrumental parts** with the song by ear and/or from notation using the easy or medium part. You will be using up to 3 notes – A, G + B. *Which part did you play?* 

**Improvise** using up to 3 notes – A, G + B. Bronze: A | Silver: A + G | Gold: A, G + B challenge. *Which challenge did you get to?* 

**Compose** a simple melody using simple rhythms choosing from the notes A, G + B or C, E, G, A + B.

## 3 – Perform & Share

Decide how your class will introduce the performance. Perhaps add some choreography? Tell your audience how you learnt this song and why. Record the performance and talk about it afterwards.

**The performance will include one or more of the following:** Improvisations • Instrumental performances • Compositions

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### About this Unit

Theme: Being Happy!

### Facts/info:

- 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.
- What else can you find out?

# Listen to 5 other songs in different styles. What are their styles?:

- Top Of The World sung by The Carpenters
- Don't Worry, Be Happy sung by Bobby McFerrin
- Walking On Sunshine sung by Katrina And The Waves
- When You're Smiling sung by Frank Sinatra
- Love Will Save The Day sung by Brendan Reilly

**Vocabulary:** style indicators, melody, compose, improvise, cover, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure, dimensions of music, neo soul, producer, groove, Motown, hook, riff, solo

### Reflection

What did you like best about this Unit? Why? Was there anything you didn't enjoy about it? Why? Do you have any strong thoughts or feelings you would to share about it?

## Knowledge Organiser – Classroom Jazz 2 – Year 6, Unit 2

### 1 – Listen & Appraise: Bacharach Anorak and Meet The Blues

What style indicators can you hear?

Describe the structure?

What instruments/voices you can hear?

Describe the musical dimensions?

# **2 – Musical Activities** using glocks and/or recorders

**Play instrumental parts** with the music by ear using the notes C, D, E, F, G, A, B + C.

And C, Bb, G, F + C (Meet The Blues).

**Improvise** in Bacharach Anorak using the notes C, D, E, F, G, A, B + C.

**Improvise** in a Blues style using the notes C, Bb, G, F + C.

Dld you do both? Which notes did you use?

### 3 – Perform & Share

Decide how your class will introduce the

performance. Perhaps add some choreography? Tell your audience how you learnt this song and why. Record the performance and talk about it afterwards.

The performance will include one or more of the following:

Improvisations • Instrumental performances • Compositions





### About this Unit

Themes: Jazz, improvisation and composition.

#### Facts/info:

- Bacharach Anorakl has a Latin American groove.
- Blues is a style of music originating in the deep south of America and is considered an ancestor of Jazz.

#### Listen to 4 other pieces of music:

- Take The 'A' Train by Duke Ellington
- Speaking My Peace by H. Parlan
- Back 'O'Town Blues by Earl Hines
- One 'O' Clock Jump by Count Basie

**Vocabulary:** Blues, Jazz, improvisation, by ear, melody, compose, improvise, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure, dimensions of music, hook, riff, solo

### Reflection

What did you like best about this Unit? Why? Was there anything you didn't enjoy about it? Why?

Do you have any strong thoughts or feelings you would to share about it?

Can you find out more about these styles of music?

## Knowledge Organiser – A New Year Carol – Year 6, Unit 3

### 1 – Listen & Appraise: A New Year Carol (The music of Benjamin Britten)

What style indicators can you hear?

Describe the structure?

What instruments/voices you can hear?

Describe the musical dimensions?

Mood and story told?

# 2 – Musical Activities using glocks and/or recorders

Warm-up games pulse, rhythm and pitch games:

- Learn to clap some of the the rhythms used in the song
- Learn some musical phrases that you will sing in the song

Did you try the extension rhythm and pitch game?

**Singing** in unison. Sing the song in its original style, and the Urban Gospel version.

### 3 — Perform & Share

Decide how your class will introduce the performance. Perhaps add some choreography? Tell your audience how you learnt this song and why. Record the performance and talk about it afterwards.





### **About this Unit**

**Theme:** Benjamin Britten's music and cover versions.

Facts/info:

Listen to other songs by Britten and cover versions of them:

- I Mun Be Married on Sunday
- Fishing Song

**Vocabulary:** Melody, compose, improvise, cover, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure, dimensions of music, ostinato, phrases, unison, urban gospel

### Reflection

What did you like best about this Unit? Why? Was there anything you didn't enjoy about it? Why?

Do you have any strong thoughts or feelings you would to share about it?

What cover version are there of this song?

## Knowledge Organiser – You've Got A Friend – Year 6, Unit 4

### 1 – Listen & Appraise: You've Got A Friend (The music of Carole King)

What style indicators can you hear?

Describe the structure?

What instruments/voices you can hear?

Describe the musical dimensions?

# 2 – Musical Activities using glocks and/or recorders

**Warm-up games** play and copy back using up to 3 notes – A, G + E. Bronze: A | Silver: A + G | Gold: A, G + E challenge. *Which challenge did you get to*?

Singing in unison.

**Play instrumental parts** with the song by ear and/or from notation using the easy or medium part. You will be using up to 4 notes – B, A + G and C, D, E + F. *Which part did you play?* 

**Improvise** using up to 3 notes – A, G + E. Bronze: A | Silver: A + G | Gold: A, G + E challenge *Which challenge did you get to*?

**Compose** a simple melody using simple rhythms choosing from the notes E, G + A or E, G, A, C + D.

### 3 – Perform & Share

Decide how your class will introduce the performance. Perhaps add some choreography? Tell your audience how you learnt this song and why. Record the performance and talk about it afterwards.

The performance will include one or more of the following: Improvisations • Instrumental performances • Compositions





### **About this Unit**

Theme: The music of Carole King.

#### Facts/info:

- You've Got A Friend was a song written by Carole King in 1971.
- It was first recorded by Carole and featured on her famous album, Tapestry.
- In the 1960s, Carole King was employed to write pop songs for artists to perform.

#### Listen to 5 other songs written by Carole King:

- The Loco-Motion sung by Little Eva
- One Fine Day sung by The Chiffons
- Up On The Roof sung by The Drifters
- Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow
- (You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman sung by Carole King

**Vocabulary:** Melody, compose, improvise, cover, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure, dimensions of music, hook, riff, solo, civil rights, gender equality, unison, harmony

### Reflection

What did you like best about this Unit? Why? Was there anything you didn't enjoy about it? Why?

Do you have any strong thoughts or feelings you would to share about it?