## **Newquay Primary Academy – Music Summer 1 Term Sequence**



Year 3

Ballads

## Prior knowledge...

- The word 'crescendo' means a sound getting gradually louder.
- Some traditional music around the world is based on five notes called a 'pentatonic' scale.
- A pentatonic melody uses only the five notes C D E G A.

#### YEAR 4

Changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics (Theme: Rivers)

## Prior knowledge...

- To understand that musical motifs (repeating patterns) are used as a building block in many well-known pieces of music for example, Beethoven's fifth symphony (dah dah dah dum!).
- To know that 'transposing' a melody means changing its key, making it higher or lower pitched.
- To know that a motif can be adapted by changing the notes, the rhythm or the order of notes.

## YEAR 5

South and West Africa

## Prior knowledge...

- Samba music originated in Brazil, South America and its main musical feature is syncopated rhythms.
- The 'on beat' is the pulse of a piece of music, and the 'off beat' is beats that fall in between these. A rhythmic break is a place in the music where some of the instruments play a new rhythm before going back to the original rhythms.

#### YEAR 6

Composition notation (Theme: Ancient Egypt)

## Prior knowledge...

- A 'theme' is a main melody in a piece of music.
- 'Variations' in music are when a main melody is changed in some way throughout the piece.
- 'The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra' was written in 1945 by Benjamin Britten.
- Representing beats of silence or 'rests' in written music is important as it helps us play rhythms correctly

INTENT

To understand, write lyrics to, and perform a ballad.

To recognise the key elements of music with a focus on pitch, tempo and dynamics. To also recognise and perform using ostinatos.

To recognise music from another culture and play rhythms and eight-beat breaks as part of an ensemble.

To use musical notation to record music, recognising pitch and note length and incorporating the key elements of music

## VOCABULARY / STICKY KNOWLEDGE

ballad, ensemble, compose

- A ballad tells a story through song.
- Lyrics are the words of a song.
- In a ballad, a 'stanza' is a verse.
- a cappella, breathing, dynamics, harmony, listen, texture, tempo, ostinato, percussion, layer
- When you sing without accompaniment it is called 'A Cappella'.
- Harmony means playing two notes at the same time that usually sound good together.
- a cappella, call and response, dynamics, performance, chord, improvisation, ostinato, break, poly-rhythms, master drummer, syncopation, metronome
- Songs sung in other languages can contain sounds that are unfamiliar to us, like the clicks of the

features, notation, repeating, unison, composition, structure, repetition, melody, tempo, compose, ensemble, minor key

• 'Major' key signatures use note pitches that sound cheerful and upbeat.

An ostinato is a musical
pattern that is repeated over
and over; a vocal ostinato is a
pattern created with your
voice.

• 'Performance directions' are words added to musical notation to tell the performers how to play

### Xhosa language.

- 'The Click Song' is a traditional song sung in the Xhosa language and is believed to bring good luck at weddings.
- Major chords create a bright, happy sound. Polyrhythms means many rhythms played at once.
- 'Minor' key signatures use note pitches that can suggest sadness and tension.
- 'Graphic notation' means writing music down using your choice of pictures or symbols but 'staff notation' means music written more formally on the special lines called 'staves'.
- Texture can be created by adding or removing instruments in a piece and can create the effect of dynamic change

## SEQUENCE OF LESSONS

Lesson 1: What is a ballad? To sing a ballad and explain what it is.

Lesson 2: Performing a ballad
To be able to perform a ballad with an understanding of style.

Lesson 3: The story behind the song To understand that ballads tell a story.

Lesson 4: Writing lyrics To be able to write lyrics for a ballad.

Lesson 5: Singing my ballad To take part in a group performance.

Lesson 1: The singing river
To sing in two parts using expression and dynamics.

Lesson 2: The listening river To recognise key elements of music.

Lesson 3: The repeating river To perform a vocal ostinato.

Lesson 4: The percussive river To create and perform an ostinato.

Lesson 5: The performing river To improve and perform a piece of music based around ostinatos.

Lesson 1: 'Shosholoza' a cappella
To sing a traditional African song unaccompanied.

Lesson 2: Playing 'Shosholoza'
To use untuned percussion to play a chord progression.

Lesson 3: The 'Shosholoza' show

To use vocals or tuned percussion to perform a piece of music as an ensemble.

Lesson 4: Drumming away to Africa
To play call and response rhythms using percussion instruments.

Lesson 5: Eight-beat breaks
To create an eight beat break to play within a performance.

Lesson 1: Here come the Egyptians
To sing with accuracy, fluency, control, and expression.

Lesson 2: Hieroglyphic score
To explore and use different forms of notation.

Lesson 3: Play like an Egyptian
To understand note length.

Lesson 4: Pitch pyramids To read simple pitch notation.

Lesson 5: Egyptian farewell
To use hieroglyphs and stave notation to write a piece of music.

# OUTCOME / COMPOSITE

Write a verse with rhyming words which tell part of a story, then perform their lyrics fluently and with actions to another Y3 class.

Create and perform a piece with a variety of ostinatos and perform to another Y4 class.

Maintain their part in a performance with accuracy. Play the more complicated rhythms in time and with rests. Create an eight-beat break and play this in the correct place. Perform the above to a Y5 class in another school

Perform with confidence and in time with others to another Y6 class