

Topic: Music

Term: Spring 2

Year 3

Duration: 4 weeks



Knowledge Organiser

Musical Theatre



The Powerful Knowledge we will take away from this Learning Enquiry (what we will be learning).

During this Learning Enquiry we will sing a broad range of songs, focusing on rhythm, phrasing, pitch and style, tune and expression. We will explore what "performance" means and create rhythmic actions to the songs we are learning. Most musical portray a wide range of emotions. How can we use actions in our performance to portray the emotions of the lyrics and melody of the songs? If performing isn't your thing, perhaps you would like to take on a back-stage role in stage management, sound and lighting. We will be aware of our British Values, as well as our own Superheroes to share ideas and become creators of a fantastic musical.

Prior Knowledge

During this enquiry, you will need to use your knowledge from Year 2 when you learnt the notes on the glockenspiel and how to play jingle bells and recorded it for your families to watch. In Reception you learnt songs and sang them in your Christmas Nativity.

Our Key vocabulary

Word	Meaning	Image
Melody	A sequence of single notes that is musically satisfying; a tune.	
Lyrics	The words of a song.	
Verses	A verse is a series of lyrics that tell the main story of the song and keep the action or thoughts moving forward. Verses are an important part of a song. A song may have one verse or many.	
Rhyming	A word, syllable or line having or ending with an identical sound to another. Eg bug, mug, slug, dug, pug.	
Dynamics	In music, the dynamics in the piece is the variation in loudness between notes or phrases. In written music the dynamics are shown by letters which stand for Italian words for the dynamic levels.	
Timbre	Timbre is a quality of sound. It is what makes two different musical instruments sound different from each other, even when each instrument plays the same musical note.	
Theme	Theme and variation refers to a musical form, in which the theme, or main melody, changes within the piece.	

Lyrics to song one.



Musical

A musical is a theatre production with several songs and dances that tell the story. Some musicals you might already know: Hairspray, Matilda, Cats, The Lion King, Moana, The Sound of Music.



Andrew Lloyd-Webber

Born in 1948, Andrew Lloyd-Webber is a British composer of musical theatre. A composer is someone who writes music to be performed professionally.

Dynamics

pp = Pianissimo - very quiet

p = Piano - quiet.

mp = mezzo piano - medium quiet.

f = forte - loud.

Ff = fortissimo - very loud.

