

Topic: Music

Term: Autumn 2

Year 2

Duration: 4 weeks



Eden Park Primary School Knowledge Organiser



The Powerful Knowledge we will take away from this Learning Enquiry:

This learning enquiry will introduce the children to learning about the language of music through playing the glockenspiel. The learning is focused around exploring and developing playing skills through the glockenspiel. The children will learn to read and play the musical notes: D, E and F. They will learn to improvise with Dee Cee's Blues using the notes C + D and will learn to compose using the notes C, D, E + F.

Outcome:

The children will be recording an ensemble performance and it will be recorded and shared with families on Teams.

Our key vocabulary

Word	Meaning
Arrangement	How voices and instruments are used in a song; where they occur within the song.
Dynamics	How loud or quiet the music is.
Ending	Short section which brings the song or piece to an end.
Ensemble	A French word used to describe playing/singing/performing together
Improvise	To make up a tune and play it on the spot; there is an assumption that it can never be recreated.
Melody	Another name for a tune.
Performing	Singing and playing instruments.
Pitch	The range of high and low sounds.
Rhythm	The combination of long and short sounds to make patterns.
Solo	An Italian word used to describe playing/singing/performing on our own.
Tempo	An Italian word used to describe how fast/slow the music goes.

Key Dates/Facts:

- The glockenspiel is a percussion instrument similar to the xylophone but with metal plates or tubes instead of wood.
- In medieval times the glockenspiel was a musical instrument made of bells, and it wasn't until the 1700s that it was fitted with a keyboard and the bells were changed to bars similar to the metallophone used in Asia for over 1000 years.
- The first glockenspiel piece composed for an orchestra was completed in the 1700s by Georg Friedrich Handel.
- Further changes were made to the instrument in the 1800s and by the 20th century the glockenspiel played with a wooden mallet had become most popular.
- In German the word 'glockenspiel' means 'to play the bells'.
- Most percussion instruments do not produce a pitch when struck like the glockenspiel does, making it a unique percussion instrument.
- Glockenspiels have been popular musical instruments for centuries in classical music but they are also popular in modern music styles as well. They can be heard in jazz and hip hop, rock, folk, and almost every other genre.
- Musicians and bands such as Bruce Springsteen, Jimi Hendrix, the Beatles, Radiohead, Jethro Tull, Rush, and Panic at the Disco have all used the glockenspiel in some of their most famous songs.

