



# Eden Park Primary School Knowledge Organiser



## Prior Knowledge

During this enquiry, you will need to use your knowledge from Year 3 when you learnt about the keyboard.

- Recognising some notes on the keyboard.
- Being introduced to sheet music and recognising some elements.

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

We are on a journey through the different genres of music, exploring the history, the style and the structure of 4 different musical styles.

At the climax of each 'mini learning enquiry', we will study the music, aiming to replicate a musical piece on the keyboard based on the genre we have been exploring.

As we explore the plethora of genres, we will put our ICT skills to the test to create a Sway about all the different musicians and genres we have explored. In addition, we will even include our own music video in our Sway presentation, having recorded our own performances on the keyboard.

By the time we are ready for our outcome, we will have created a Sway which will include 4 music videos - one of each genre, the knowledge about each genre we have explored and any other information we explore as part of our home learning task.

And if our music Learning Enquiry wasn't exciting enough, we will even have the opportunity to create our own lyrics to a song! This, of course, will also be included in our Sway.

## Home Learning Task:

The children will be given a vinyl template to take home. They will then pick a genre that has been studied in school and research a different musician from that genre and produce a vinyl about the musician.

## Our Key Vocabulary

Word	Meaning	Image
Scale	A set of musical notes ordered by frequency or pitch.	
Note	The term used to describe the pitch and duration of a musical sound.	
Pitch	Describes how low or high a note sounds.	
Semibreve	A whole note - usually consisting of 4 beats.	
Crotchet	A note with the time value of 1 beat of a Semibreve. The crotchet is known as a 'quarter note' as it is played for one quarter of the length of a semibreve.	
Minim	A note with a time value of 2 beats. A note worth half a semibreve and twice a crotchet.	
Stave	Five horizontal lines on which we can write music. Musical notes can be placed either on a line or in a space between the lines.	

## Key Information

### Blues

Blues is based on a simple pattern of a repeating 12 bar form in 3 phases (or sections) each being 4 bars long. Originating in America in the 1860s, Blues music is lyrical rather than narrative; blues singers are expressing feelings rather than telling stories.

BB King was born in 1925. He was a famous guitar player from America who paved the way for many blues - styled electric guitar players. "The King of the Blues" performed more than 200 concerts a year.

### Jazz

Jazz is a musical genre that originated in the African-American communities of New Orleans in America in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Interestingly, Jazz music developed from roots of Blues. Regarded as "America's classical music", Jazz became popular in the 1920s.

Louis Armstrong was an American trumpeter, vocalist and composer who was one of the most influential figures in Jazz music. Born in 1901, his music career spanned 5 decades.

### Waltz

Waltz music is written in 3/4 time (three beats per bar). The music is both dance music and art music. The waltz evolved from a German folk dance called "Landler" and became popular from the 1790s onwards. It mainly originated in Austria, mostly in the ballrooms of the capital, Vienna. It became one of the most popular dances of the nineteenth century.

Johann Strauss, who was born in 1804, was an Austrian romantic composer. He was famous for his Waltz, which is almost a very well-known dance.

### Pentatonic (Cultural Asian Music)

Chinese music, unlike western music, uses a five-tone scale known as the pentatonic scale. The easiest way to see this on a piano is to play the black keys only. The scale will sound oriental.

Traditional Chinese music can be traced back to around 8,000 years ago during the Neolithic age. The concept of music, called yuè, stands among the oldest categories of Chinese music.



## Piano Keys and Notes

