

## Holy Family Catholic Primary School Cronton

### Year 4: Unit 1 Mamma Mia

### Themes: ABBA's music.

**1 – Listen & Appraise:** Mamma Mia (Pop) Structure: Intro, verse, bridge, chorus, introduction, verse, bridge, chorus. Instruments/voices you can hear: Keyboard sounds imitating strings, a glockenspiel playing as a keyboard, electric guitar, bass, drums. Find the pulse as you are listening.

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

Warm-up games

play and copy back using up to 2 notes – G + A.

Bronze: no notes

Silver: G, sometimes A

Gold: G + A 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 3 notes – G, A + B. Which part did you play?

**Improvise** using up to 3 notes – G, A + B.

Bronze: G

Silver: G, sometimes A

Gold: G, A + B challenge.

Which challenge did you get to?

**Compose** a simple melody using simple rhythms choosing from the notes G, A + B or G, A, B, D + E (the pentatonic scale)

**3 – Perform & Share** Decide how your class will introduce the performance. Perhaps add some funky dance moves? 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



#### Key Vocabulary:

**Bass** - a tone of low pitch

**Compose** - creating or writing a piece of music

**Drums** - a drum is a type of musical instrument. In most cases it consists of a shell with a stretched skin or covering. When the covering is hit with a hand or a stick, it vibrates and makes a sound

**Dynamics** - refers to the volume or loudness of the sound or note

**Electric Guitar** - stringed instrument that makes music using "electric pickups" that change the vibration of the strings into electric current. sent to an amplifier that changes it to sound

**Hook** - a phrase, a lyric, a motif, lick or a riff. It could be melodic or it could be lyrical. But the key is, it'll be catchy.

**Improvise** - playing an instrument or singing in which the musician makes up the music as they play.

**Keyboard** - a portable electronic musical instrument with a row of keys like that of a piano

**Melody** - a series of different pitches that form a tune

**Pentatonic Scale** - scale using five notes is "pentatonic" ("penta" is Greek for "five").the sequence of notes would be A, C, D, E, G

**Pitch** - describes how low or high a note sound

**Pulse** - a steady beat

**Rhythm** - Pattern in time

**Riff** - a short, often two or four-bar musical pattern that is repeated

**Solo** - a piece or a section of a piece that is played or sung by a single performer.

**Structure** - the arrangement and order of the parts or sections of the music

**Tempo** - describe the speed at which you play

**Texture** - different layers of a piece of music are combined to produce the overall sound

**Unison** - two or more musical parts that sound either the same pitch or pitches separated by intervals of one or more octaves, usually at the same time.