

Holy Family Catholic Primary School Cronton

Year 4: Unit 5 Lean On Me

Themes: Soul/Gospel music and helping each other

1 – Listen & Appraise: Lean on Me (Soul/Gospel)

Structure: Intro, verse 1, chorus, verse 2, bridge, chorus, bridge, verse 3, outro.

Instruments/voices you can hear: Male vocal, backing vocal, piano, bass, drums, organ.

Can you find the pulse as you are listening? Dance, clap, sway, march, be an animal or a pop star

2 – Musical Activities using glocks and/or recorders

Warm-up games

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

Bronze: no notes

Silver: F, sometimes G

Gold: F + G 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 4 notes

– C, E, F + G. Which part did you play?



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

Bronze: F

Silver: F + G

Gold: F, G + A challenge.

Which challenge did you get to? Compose a simple melody using simple rhythms

choosing from the notes F, G + A or D, E, F, G + A.



3 – **Perform & Share** Decide how your class will introduce the performance. 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:

Backing vocals – on a song can consist of anything from repeating a word, passage or chorus of the song to providing a continuing harmony in time with the lead vocalist

Bass - a tone of low pitch

By ear- to learn music without reading or memorizing sheet music

Compose - creating or writing a piece of music

Composition - the art of creating 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

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

Melody - a series of different pitches that form a tune

Notation – signs, marks, or figures used to give information about the music

Organ - a keyboard instrument of one or more pipes

Piano - a musical stringed instrument played by depressing keys that cause hammers to strike the strings

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