

**Year 3: Unit 3
Three Little Birds**

Themes: Reggae, happiness and animals.

1 – Listen & Appraise: Three Little Birds (Reggae)

Structure: Introduction, chorus, verse, chorus, verse, chorus, chorus, chorus.

Instruments/voices you can hear: Bass, drums, electric guitar, keyboard, organ, male and backing vocals.

Find the pulse as you are listening: Dance, clap, sway, march, be an animal or a pop star.

2 – Musical Activities using glockenspiels and/or recorders

Warm-up games play and copy back using up to 2 notes – C + D.

Bronze: no notes | Silver: C, sometimes D | Gold: C + D 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 – C, D + E. Which part did you play?

Improvise using up to 3 notes – C, D + E.

Bronze: C | Silver: C + D | Gold: C, D + E challenge.

Which challenge did you get to?

Compose a simple melody using simple rhythms choosing from the notes C, D + E or C, D, E, F + G.

3 – Perform & Share

Decide how your class will introduce the performance. Perhaps add some choreography? 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:

Audience – people who are listeners

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

Chorus - a section of a song that is repeated at least twice and embodies the overall lyrical message of the song

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.

Introduction – a passage or section which opens the music

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

Organ - a keyboard instrument of one or more pipes

Pitch - describes how low or high a note sound

Pulse - a steady beat

Reggae – is a unique form of rock music which originated in Jamaica.

Rhythm - Pattern in time

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

Verse - a series of lyrics used to express the main point and topic of a song