



Autumn 1

Music

Key Vocabulary

Style Indicators

Melody

Neo Soul/Motown

Improvisation

Groove

Dynamics

Compose

Hook

Dimensions of Music

The Big Question

How can a particular style of music make us happy?

What skills do we need?

I can develop active listening skills by identifying the structure and musical dimensions of a song.

I can sing/play along to a song using simple notation.

I can explore different styles of music around the same theme.

I can improvise using instruments in the context of a song to be performed.

Small Steps

Lesson 1

Listen to and appraise the song 'Happy' and start to learn it

Lesson 2

Continue to learn the song and play instrumental parts within it

Lesson 3

Play along with instrumental parts of the song and improvise using voices and instruments

Lesson 4

Perform compositions within the song

Lesson 5

Prepare for a performance

Lesson 6

Decide on a final piece and perform

Forever Facts

Happy is a song written, produced and performed by Pharrell Williams. It was featured in the film Despicable Me 2 and was the most successful song of 2014.

Happy is a Pop song that has a soul music sound and groove from the 1960s; very much like a Motown song.

Improvisation is making up your own tunes on the spot. It is a tune that has never been heard before, is not written down and belongs to the composer.

Musical dimensions are when and where texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm, pitch and timbre are used.