

## Year 5: South and West Africa

Dance is an important part of music in South and West Africa



### Vocabulary

#### Chord

Two or more notes that are played at the same time and work in harmony.

#### Chord progression

A group of chords played in a particular order.

#### Major chords

A chord made up of three notes. Major chords are often described as happy chords.

#### Minor chords

A chord made up of three notes. Minor chords are often described as sad chords.

#### Break

When some instruments stop playing and others change the rhythm.

#### Call and response

A musical technique that is similar to a conversation. One phrase of music acts as the 'call' and is 'answered' by a different phrase.

#### A capella

Singing without any musical accompaniment.

#### Soloist

A musician or singer who performs on their own, known as performing a solo.

#### Duo

Two musicians or singers who perform together, known as performing a duet.

#### Ostinato

A repeated pattern or phrase.

#### Polyrhythms

Many rhythms played at once.

#### Syncopation

Playing on the off-beat.

#### Rest

The silences in music.

#### Metronome

A device that can be set to create a steady sound (beat) to help musicians play rhythms accurately.



### Tips for improving your performance - FACE

**Fluency** - Being able to play without hesitancy.

**Accuracy** - Getting the melody and the words correct.

**Control** - Controlling the sound and music being created or sung.

**Expression** - Giving a personal response to the music.

### Instruments

#### Percussion instruments

Instruments which are played by shaking, tapping or scraping with your hand or a beater.

Kalimba



Guiro



Djembe drums



Shekere



Bongos



Balafon

