KS3 Music Curriculum



Year 8

| Sequenced | Pitch | Musical Periods of History | | | Origins of Pop music | World Music |
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| Key Knowledge | Know how to identify notes on the stave in treble pitch: FACE in the spaces, Every Good Boy Deserves Football on the lines Know how to identify notes on the stave in bass pitch: All Cows Eat Grass in the spaces, Gary Barlow Drinks Fizzy Apple on the lines | Know the names of different periods of musical history: Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, 20th/21st Century Know some facts about Beethoven Know how both hands are used when playing a keyboard: right hand to play the melody, left hand to play the chords | Know why Haydn's Symphony No 94 is called the Surprise Symphony: the piece begins quietly then a sudden loud chord is played which surprises the listener Know how parts can be played together to create harmony: accurate timing when playing with another person, notes which fit together, controlled rhythm and tempo | Know the storyline for Tchaikovsky's ballet, Swan Lake | Know the styles of music which led to the creation of pop music: Rock and Roll (a mixture of Rhythm and Blues/Country and Western music Know some singers and songs from the 50's to the year 2000 Know what Britpop is and how it emerged: bands from the early 1990's influenced by British guitar pop music of the 60's and 70's | Know what a major Pentatonic scale is and how it is created: a five note scale using notes 1,2,3,5 and 6 of a major scale Know how the Pentatonic scale is used in Chinese music: identify notes in the scale and rearrange in order to create a melody |
| Key Skills | Identify notes on the stave in treble and bass pitch Play these notes on a keyboard | Listen to and play Beethoven's Fur Elise on a keyboard using two hands | Listen to Symphony No 94 and identify how dynamics have been used Play the Surprise Symphony in two parts | Create a storyboard to retell the story | Read text and identify key words Listen to excerpts from a selection of songs from 50's to the year 2000 | Identify notes used in a Pentatonic scale Use a Pentatonic scale to compose a piece of Chinese music |
| | Key vocabulary | Key vocabulary | Key vocabulary | Key vocabulary | Key vocabulary | Key vocabulary |
| Subject specific | Pitch, stave, treble clef, bass clef | Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Beethoven | Haydn, Classical, symphony, dynamics, harmony | Tchaikovsky, Romantic, Swan Lake | Rock n Roll, Rhythm and Blues, Country and Western, Britpop | Pentatonic scale, composition, pattern |