

Key Stage 2 - Year 5 and 6- Cycle A

Music

Autumn

Y5 - Solar System

Musical Focus - Listening

Cross Curricular Link - Science

The children will go on a musical journey through the solar system, exploring how our universe inspired composers including, Debussy, Holst and George Crumb.

The children learn a song and compose pieces linked to space.

Y6 - Worlds Unite

Musical Focus - Dance Performance

Cross Curricular Link - PE

The children will explore rhythm and melody in singing, movement and dance. The children will revisit beat, syncopation, pitch and harmony and take a trip around the world through music.

Spring

Y5 - Our Community

Musical Focus - Performance

Cross Curricular Link - History

The children will focus on the song 'Jerusalem' as it provides a basis for looking at changes through time. They will be given opportunities to compose and perform music inspired by their local community, both past and present.

Y6 - Journeys

Musical Focus - Song Cycles

Cross Curricular Link - PSHE

The children will explore challenging journeys through a selection of songs, with thoughts on changes and transitions. These songs have an optimistic and uplifting message that will be performed through a song cycle.

Summer

Y5 - Life cycles

Musical Focus - Structure

Cross Curricular Link - PHSE

The children will explore the human life cycle through music by Johannes Brahms, Luciano Berio, Franz Liszt and Claudio Monteverdi. The wide variety of styles will inspire singing and composition using new techniques and structures.

Y6 - Growth

Musical Focus - Performance

Cross Curricular Link - Geography

'The Street' is the setting for this work based on buskers and flash mobs. The children explore Ravel's 'Bolero' through rhythmical mime, learn songs with instrumental accompaniments, and create a dance into a street performance.

Key Stage 2 - Year 5 and 6- Cycle B

Music

Autumn

Y5 - At the Movies

Musical Focus - Composition

Cross Curricular Link - Literacy

The children will explore music from 1920s animated films to the present day. They will learn techniques for creating soundtracks and film scores, as they compose their own movie music.

Y6 - Roots

Musical Focus - Performance

Cross Curricular Link - Literacy

The children will put together a performance based on the effects of the slave trade in a West African village. This will include the musical features of a traditional Ghanaian songs and percussion rhythms.

Spring

Y5 - Keeping Healthy

Musical Focus - Beat

Cross Curricular Link - PE

The children will explore body-popping, gospel singing, swimming and cycling! They will put on a performance using these new musical techniques.

Y6 - Class Awards

Musical Focus - Performance

Cross Curricular Link - All

The children's achievements throughout the year will be celebrated through an end of term musical show. This will include rap, fanfare and famous music to present the awards.

Summer

Y5 - Celebration

Musical Focus - Performance

Cross Curricular Link - Literacy

The children will perform a celebration in song. There will be a lively and upbeat mood that will have everyone joining in!

Y6 - Moving On

Musical Focus - Performance

Cross Curricular Link - ICT

The children will use two songs, one looking back and one looking forward, and a musical device for linking them together. The children will share their memories of school and their hopes for the future through this device.

