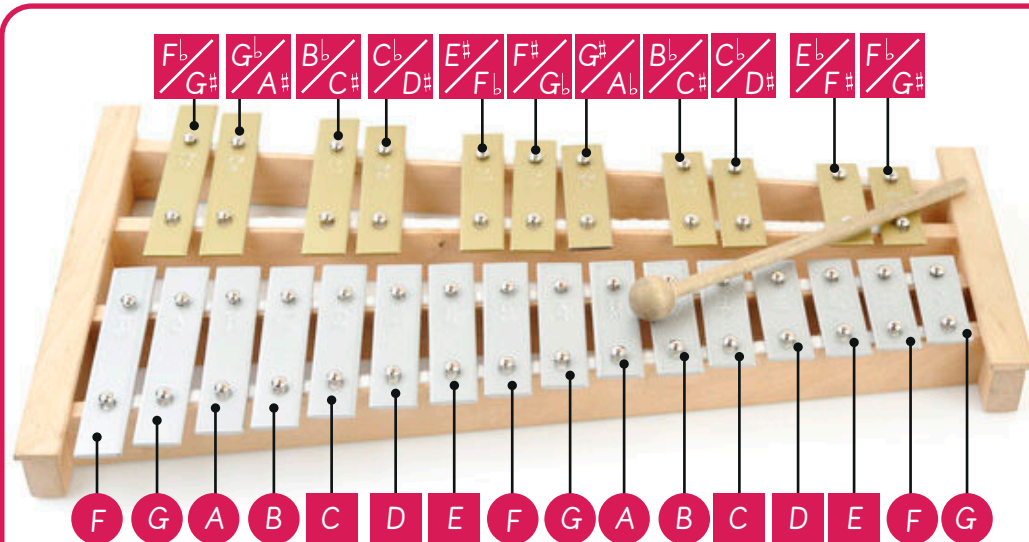


Year 5: Blues



Blues music is often sad and emotional, which is why we say we have 'the blues' when we feel sad. Its main features are the 12-bar blues and the blues scale, and it includes a lot of improvisation.

Instruments



Flat \flat - Is a note that is played 'flat' rather than at a natural pitch.

Sharp \sharp - Is a note that is played 'sharp' rather than at a natural pitch.

Vocabulary

12-bar blues A series of chords played in a specific order.

1 CCCC	2 CCCC	3 CCCC	4 CCCC
5 FFFF	6 FFFF	7 CCCC	8 CCCC
9 GGGG	10 FFFF	11 CCCC	12 CCCC

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

Scale Any set of musical notes which are in order of their pitch.

Ascending scale A scale in which the pitch of the notes goes up.

Descending scale A scale in which the pitch of the notes goes down.

Blues scale A set of notes used to play a melody over a 12-bar blues.

Improvisation Making up music as it is played or performed.

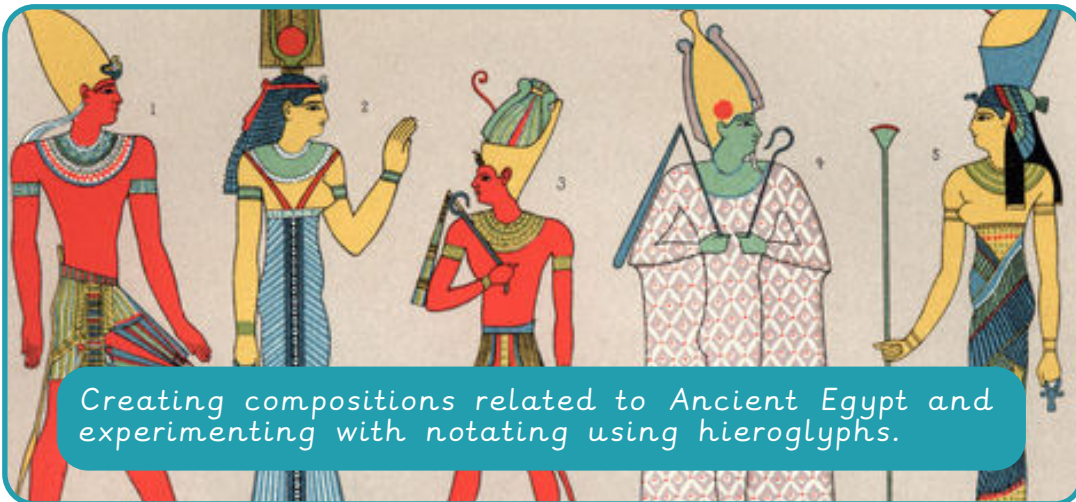
Bent notes A musical note that varies in pitch usually going up slightly at the end.

Bar A section of music with a specific number of beats (in blues there are usually 4 beats in a bar).

Quaver A note which last for half a beat.

Year 5: Egyptians

Musical feature: Composition notation



Vocabulary

Melody The combination of pitch and rhythm which forms a tune.

Improvising Making up music as it is played or performed.

Notation Written symbols used to represent music.

Motif A short musical phrase that is often repeated.

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.

Unison Playing or singing notes at the same pitch at the same time.

Verse A repeated section of a song that usually features new lyrics on each repetition.

Structure

The overall organisation of a piece of music. Traditional pop music usually follows a verse, chorus, verse structure.

Major

A tonality where the music sounds happy or bright.

Minor

A tonality where the music sounds sad or tense.

Tempo

The speed or pace of the music.

Ensemble

A group of people who perform instrumental or vocal music.

Notation

Staff notation

Quaver		Half	$\frac{1}{2}$	
Crotchet		One	1	
Minim		Two	2	
Dotted minim		Three	3	
Semibreve		Four	4	

Letter notation



Year 5: Looping and remixing

Musical style: Electronic dance music

Electronic dance music (EDM) is also known as dance music, club music, or simply dance. It is made for nightclubs and has lots of percussion and loops, and the tracks are 'mixed' into each other by a DJ.



Vocabulary

Layers

The different instruments, rhythms or melodies that build the overall texture of a piece of music.

Loop

A repeated section of rhythm or melody.

Remix

A new version of an existing piece of music that has been altered with effects.

Fragment

A short section of music.

Melody line

The notes that make a melody.

Structure

The overall organisation of a piece of music. In a song, this could be the order that different parts are played in, for example verse, chorus, verse.

Backbeat

Rhythmic beat going along in the background to accompany the music.

Performing

Accuracy - were the notes and words right?



Timing - was the music played or sung in time?



Confidence - was the performance smooth?



Did you know?

A repeating section is known as:

- An ostinato in classical music.
- A riff in jazz.
- A loop in dance music.

Year 5: Musical theatre



Musical theatre combines music, songs, spoken dialogue and dance. Musical theatre can also be known as 'musicals' or 'shows' and these are usually performed in theatres, although there are film musicals too.

Musical timeline

Late 16th and
17th centuries

Opera

Operetta

Film musical

Book musical

Jukebox musical

Modern day

Rock and hip hop musicals

Vocabulary

Composer

Writes the music.

Librettist

Writes the story.

Lyricist

Writes the song lyrics.

Director

In charge of the dramatic performance.

Musical
Director

In charge of the musical performance.

Choreographer

Creates the dance moves.

Designer

Designs the sets or costumes.

Performers

Play the characters in the musical.

Character
song

Describes how the character is feeling.

Action song

Describes what is happening at that point in the story.

Transition

A passage of music composed to link one piece of music to another.

Score

Written notation to show what notes to play and in what style to play them.

Script

Written text of a play or musical.

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

Guero

Djembe drums

Shekere

Bongos

Balafon

