Year 5 - Term 1



Title No. lessons	About the unit	Musical material
What shall we do with the drunken sailor? - 6 lessons	Focus: Sea shanties, beat, rhythm, chords, bass, dot notation, progression snapshot 1. Objectives: Compose body percussion patterns to accompany a sea shanty. Write these out using rhythm grids. Sing a sea shanty expressively, with accurate pitch and a strong beat. Play bass notes, chords, or rhythms to accompany singing. Sing in unison while playing an instrumental beat (untuned). Keep the beat playing a 'cup' game. Talk about the purpose of sea shanties and describe some of the features using music vocabulary.	Song Bank: What shall we do with the drunken sailor?; Rubber chicken; Hey, ho! Nobody home. Watch/Listen/Move: What shall we do with the drunken sailor? Teaching video – song & game. Drunken Sailor Mashup (TikTok user @nathanevanss & others). Sea Shanties documentary (BBC 4). Hey, ho! Nobody home progression snapshot 1 videos (Sing Up). Wellerman (TikTok Sea Shanty mashup 2021). Sea shanty medley (Home Free).
Why we sing - 3 lessons	Focus: Gospel music, instruments, structure, texture, vocal decoration. Objectives: Develop and practise techniques for singing and performing in a Gospel style. Recognise individual instruments and voices by ear. Listen to a selection of Gospel music and spirituals and identify key elements that give the music its unique sound. Talk about music using appropriate music vocabulary (e.g. the ways the voices are used, the contrasting texture of solo voice and choir, singing in harmony, the lyrics etc.).	Song Bank: Let's start to sing!; Tongue twisters; Tongue, teeth, lips, mouth. Watch/Listen/Move: Wade in the water (Sweet Honey in the Rock). Wade in the water (The Spirituals). Climbing higher mountains (Aretha Franklin). Why we sing (Kirk Franklin and the Family). What kind of man is this? (Ray Charles & the Voices of Jubilation Choir 2006). Shackles (Praise you) (Mary Mary). This little light of mine (Soweto Gospel Choir). Take your burden to the Lord (and leave it there) (Blind Boys of Alabama). The storm is passing over (The Clara Ward Singers). Jesus gave me water (Sam Cooke & The Soul Stirrers). Great is your mercy (Donnie McClurkin). Get away, Jordan (Take 6).
Introduction to songwriting - 3 lessons	Focus: Structure (verse/chorus), hook, lyric writing, melody. Objectives:	Song Bank: Throw, catch; Plasticine person; Great day; Firework; Songwriting backing tracks; Song pieces. Watch/Listen/Move: Wonderwall (Oasis). Say my name (Destiny's Child). Le freak (Chic). Smalltown boy (Bronski Beat).