

The National C of E Junior School- Knowledge Organiser

Music

Ukulele WCIT /

Year 5

Summer

Prior Learning – Musical Elements

Tempo, Texture, Timbre, Pitch, Duration, Structure, Dynamics

What? (Key Words and Definitions)

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| Coda | another word for 'ending' |
| Crescendo | gradually getting louder |
| diminuendo | gradually getting quieter |
| ukulele | Plucked string instrument with four strings |
| neck | Wooden piece of uke where stings are stretched along between head and body |
| strings | To pluck or strum (brush with fingers) |
| fret | Horizontal lines on neck to guide fingering for notes/chords |
| Pluck | Using a finger to pull and release an individual string to make it vibrate |
| strum | Running fingers over some or all the strings at once usually in pulse or rhythm |
| Ostinato | a repeating pattern. |
| minim | Note worth 2 beats |
| crotchet | Note with value of 1 beat |
| rest | Silence of varying length in music |
| Semi-breve | Note worth 4 beats |
| Treble clef | Stave in music |
| Pulse | the steady "beat" underneath much music. (constant like a heartbeat or ticking clock). |
| rhythm | Notes of different lengths that fit within the pulse |
| Chord | Combination of 3 or more notes played together |
| Major/minor | Sound of the chord dependent on the '3 rd ' |
| melody | Tune played or sung |
| accompaniment | Complements or supports a melody. |

What? (Key information)

Performing/ Singing

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| Whole Class Instrumental Teaching | Whole Class Continuation Ukulele Singing and performing. Linking with the elements of Music building on prior learning. |
| Ukulele | What makes a good performance? Looking at notation and chord charts and reading / playing it. |
| | The ukulele has origins from Hawaii and Portugal The word 'ukulele' translates roughly to 'jumping flea' in English Stringed instruments such as guitar or ukulele can be plucked or strummed. This means a melody (finger picking), chords (strumming), or a combination can be played. A Soprano ukulele is usually tuned G C E A (my dog has flees) |