

Woodside Junior School

Music Listening Overview



Music listening

Listening to music is fundamental to musical understanding. By learning to listen to music, pupils are able to expand their musical horizons and also gain a deeper understanding of how music is constructed and the impact it can have on the listener.

Music is one of the central building blocks of any culture and the shared knowledge of music is crucial to cultural capital in understanding where we came from and our place in the world. Our inclusive approach to cultural capital ensures that pupils listen to music from a wide range of cultures and traditions that reflect our community.

We expose children to a wide range of pieces to ensure that pupils gain a broad aural knowledge. These include music from the Western Classical Tradition, classical pieces from the 20th and 21st centuries, musicals, traditional music from around the world and popular music. We do this both during lesson time and through playing music whilst coming into assembly. During singing assemblies, pupils are taught more about the genre/ artist/ composer being show-cased that week.

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Autumn term			
Week	Artist	History / Culture / Context	Songs
1	Mozart	Classical composer	Rondo alla Turca Symphony No.40 The marriage of figaro A little night music
2	English Folk songs	Traditional cultural (sea shanties)	Drunken Sailor Wellerman Blow the Man down Last Shanty
3	David Bowie	Art rock	Space Oddity Starman Heroes Changes Life on Mars
4	Ray Charles	Soul and Jazz	Hallelujah I love her so I've got a woman Hit the road jack

			Mess around Georgia on my mind
5	South African choral	Ladysmith Black Mambazo (Inkanyezi Nezazi)	Inkanyezi Nezazi Upendi Swing low sweet chariot Oh happy day
6	Queen	Rock, pop	Bohemian Rhapsody We will rock you Crazy little thing called love Don't sop me know A kind of magic
7	Chic	Disco	Le Freak Good times Everybody Dance I want you love
8	Piazolla	Argentinian	Libertango Oblivion Adios Zita Escualo
9	Ike and Tina Turner	R&B and soul	Proud Mary Rocket 88 River deep The best Nutbush city limits
10	Bach	Classical	Goldberg Variations Cello suite Brandenburg Concerto Concerto for 2 violins
11	Christmas		
12	Christmas		

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Spring term			
Week	Artist	History / Culture / Context	Songs
1	Beethoven	Ludvig Van Beethoven	Fur Elise

		1770-1827 German Classical to Romantic Period Pianist	Moonlight Sonata Ode to Joy Symphony No.5 Eroica Dance
2	The Beatles	20th century 60s pop band Pop culture	With a little help from my friends Yellow submarine Let it be I want to hold your hand Blackbird Octopus Garden
3	Chinese music	Chinese new year Traditional chinese culture music Different instruments and pentatonic scale	Chinese Wuhan Erhu Night Thoughts Asian Lotus Flower Traditional Chinese Tea Harvest
4	Duke Ellington	20th century 20s / 30s Jazz, Swing, Big Band	In a Sentimental mood Haupe Take the A train It don't mean a thing Black and tan fantasy
5	Randy Newman	20th/21st century Animated movie score	You've got a friend in me When she loved me Monsters Inc Mcqueen and Sally The time of your life
6	Tchaikovski	Romantic period 19th century Classical music Reflecting real world/war through music	The nutcracker Swan lake 1812 festival overture Symphony no.4
7	John Williams	20th/21st century Instrumental/composer movie scores	Harry potter Star wars ET Superman Indiana jones Jurassic park
8	Irish music	St patrick's day Folk music, different instruments	No6 The coombe Mylecharaine's Let the People Sing

			If I should Fall Red is the rose
9	Kate Bush	Art Pop	Wild man
10	Holst	20th Century Classical	Mars from the planets

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Summer term			
Week	Artist	History / Culture / Context	Songs
1	Thomas Tallis	Classical English renaissance Ties in with St George's Day english history	If ye love me Mass for Four voices O nata lux de lumine Tunes for archbishop
2	Ralph vaughan williams	Early 20th century classical	Fantasia on Greensleeves Seventeen come Sunday Overture the wasps Fantasia on a theme
3	Carlos Santana	20th century rock and latin music	Oye Como Va Black Magic Woman Day of celebration Gypsy queen Se a Cabo
4	Debussy	French Impressionist Romantic into 20th Century	Clair de Lune Reverie The girl with the flaxen hair Arabesque
5	Trinidad steel band	Calypso - trinidadian folk music Steel drums	Mongoose Una Paloma Blanca The Sound of Philadelphia Tropical Bird
6	Vivaldi	Western Classical - Four seasons	The four seasons
7	Oasis	Britpop, Alternative Rock, 90s	Wonderwall Stand by me Half the world away Live forever

			Importance of being idle
8	A.R. Rahman	Indian Film composer (Jai Ho)	Rait Zara Si Jai Ho Jashn-E-Bahaaraa Raanjhanaa
9	Elvis Presley	Rock n Roll	Cant' help falling in love Suspicious minds Burning love Jailhouse rock Always on my mind
10	Phil Collins	Pop, Rock - singing and drumming	On my way In the air tonight You'll be in my heart Another day in paradise Against all odds