

Spring Term 2-How does music enable us to get to know our community?



About this unit

In each unit, children are asked a question, intended as an entry point for exploring one of six broad Social Themes. These six themes are overlapping. The exploration of each theme accompanies them on their musical journey throughout this Scheme, and hopefully beyond! As the learners grow, the questions and entry points for the Social Themes evolve. All the while, they are encouraged to be responsible and kind citizens of the world and constructive but critical thinkers. The unit question can be discussed throughout each unit up to and including the final unit performance. Musically, students are constantly touching upon all key musical elements and skills, building upon these as they progress through each lesson, unit and year. As well as this, there is also a Musical Spotlight to each unit. This by no means indicates that there is only one musical aspect or concept being considered and developed – it just allows one chosen musical element, aspect or skill to come to the fore for contemplation, discussion and development, for the duration of that unit. In this unit, we ask 'How Does Music Help Us Get to Know Our Community?' as an entry point for the broad Social Theme of 'Music Is a Builder of Community and Guardian of Cultural Identity'. Aside from culture and identity, this is relevant to learning topics such as community, nationality, where we come from, team building, sport and other topics, as you, the teacher, see fit. For those who create and perform music, it is often an intimate expression of their deepest feelings, at the core of their personal identity. Listening to and appreciating many different styles and artists, and listening to other people's music, can teach us a lot about respect and values. This unit sets out sequences of learning around a song in key musical areas which, over time, all contribute towards the steadily increasing development of musicianship:

- Listening
- Singing
- Playing
- Improvising and Composing
- Performing

Year 3/4 Vocabulary/Spiral Curriculum:

Year 3

Vocabulary: Structure, intro/introduction, verse, chorus, improvise, compose, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, bass, drums, guitar, keyboard, synthesizer, hook, melody, texture, structure, electric guitar, organ, backing vocals, hook, riff, melody, Reggae, pentatonic scale, imagination, Disco.

Year 4

Vocabulary: Keyboard, electric guitar, bass, drums, improvise, compose, melody, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture, structure, compose, improvise, hook, riff, melody, solo, pentatonic scale, unison, rhythm patterns, musical style, rapping, lyrics, choreography, digital/electronic sounds, turntables, synthesizers, by ear, notation, backing vocal, piano, organ, acoustic guitar, percussion, birdsong, civil rights, racism, equality.

As lessons progress through the year groups, the key learning is repeated, musical skills are reinforced and the learning deepens.

Children quickly become familiar with the musical activities, through which they

How this unit links...

Just as music is all-pervasive in society and our daily lives, we hope you find ways to tie it into all your learning, beyond the purely musical education offered by our curriculum. The six Social Themes of the Charanga curriculum are all overlapping, but Unit 4 might overlap particularly well with discussions and learning at other times in the year during Unit 1: How Does Music Bring Us Closer Together? (Music Is a Peacebuilder and Friendmaker), Unit 2: What Stories Does Music Tell Us About the Past? (Music Is a Storyteller and Time Traveller) and Unit 5: How Does Music Make a Difference to Us Every Day? (Music Is a Friend, Guide and Support).

Connections Between the Musical Spotlight and the Social Theme

In this unit, the Musical Spotlight is 'Sharing Musical Experiences' and learning about all the Foundational Elements of Music with a focus on experiencing music, while working implicitly with all the other elements of music as you go through the steps of the unit. Sharing our musical experiences, preferences and identities is a wonderful class activity and can help build your community and friendships in the classroom and

acquire new, or reinforce previous, musical knowledge and understanding. To support intense and rapid learning, the musical activities are designed in one of two ways:

1. The activities can be a repeat of the previous week, in order to embed and rehearse key musical skills.
2. The activities can be a repeat of previous musical skills but have different content, in order to strengthen and apply previous musical learning.

As the children move through, they acquire new knowledge and skills and deepen their understanding and application of previous learning. This spiral approach leads to deeper, more secure learning and musical mastery

school! This can happen through every activity in the lesson. Listen and Respond and Perform work particularly well.

Further Exploration and Connecting the Musical Spotlight and the Social Theme Music is a fundamental part of human existence. It is something that we share collectively, but also something unique to each of us. We each come from different musical cultures, with varying exposure to it as we grow up and go through life, and we relate to it in ways that are intimately linked to our own individual emotional and intellectual characteristics.

For this reason, there is no 'right' or 'wrong' in what music we are drawn to or like. Similarly, there is no 'correct' way to express ourselves through sound and music.

Therefore our own experience of music is both unique and shared. My friends and I might all like dancing to a particular tune (shared), but for different reasons (individual): one person might love its liberating lyrics, while another might find its bassline irresistible to dance to etc. It is this balance between sharedness and difference that helps us get to know our communities and our place within them, through music.

Communities and nations have songs like anthems in common, songs chanted when their team plays sports, songs that were a hit in their country but not in others, and so on – these are all part of communal musical identity. Music can also help people find others from the same community. Imagine two 100 year-old British people who did not previously know each other, bonding over a conversation about a Vera Lynn song when it is played over the radio; or two previously unacquainted children with Chinese heritage singing along to a Chinese lullaby when it comes on a lullaby playlist during 'down time' on their first day at school.

Unit 4-How does music help us get to know our community?

KEY CONTENT AND SUGGESTED LESSON IDEAS

SUGGESTED
RESOURCES

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Understanding Music

In KS2, this activity supports the children in their understanding of duration, pulse, rhythm and pitch. Over time, this activity introduces a range of notation, time signatures and key signatures. It is designed to bring everyone together at the beginning of the lesson to learn, embed or revisit the music theory required for the year.

This activity is essential to the development of children's knowledge, but feel free to sometimes use the Improvise Together activity.

The Musical Features in the Understanding Music Activity for This Unit:

- Tempo: 92 bpm (beats per minute = tempo)
- Time signature: 4/4 (four crotchet beats in every bar)
- Key signature: A minor
- Rhythmic patterns using: Minims, crotchets and quavers
- Melodic patterns using: A, B and C

Improvise Together

This activity gives the children an opportunity to practise improvising together. There isn't an improvise activity connected to every song, so this can be used as an option. Here, they can practise their ideas together over a backing track. You can take it in turns to play when looping the track.

- Time signature: 4/4 (four crotchet beats in every bar)
- Key signature: G major The children can use the notes: G, A and B or G, A, B, C and D

Listen and Respond

In this Unit, the children will listen and respond to the following:

- Step 1: Friendship Song by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman
- Step 2: A Night On The Bare Mountain by Modest Mussorgsky
- Step 3: Family by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman
- Step 4: Double Beat Song by Jen and Jermaine White Bull
- Step 5: Come On Over by Joanna Mangona

This content-rich, interactive activity explores the impact that music can have on us, its design and cultural place; contextualising the music your students will listen to. Accompanying each lesson plan is a Listen and Respond Guide, with all the research and information that is needed for the children to complete the tasks and activities you and they will see on-screen.

Each subsequent musical activity that follows Listen and Respond reinforces the learning for musical knowledge and skills that culminate in a performance. The Listen and Respond activity has four on-screen interactive tabs to work through:

1. Listen. Listen to the music together. Remember this is the first time the children will hear the music that is central to their learning for each lesson. Use the on-screen questions as a focus and discuss them together as a class before and after listening. This activity has been designed to explore the children's

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Continuous Assessment Opportunities

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| Evidence Have you recorded and uploaded? | |
| Notable outcomes Musical? Social? Unexpected? Exciting? | |
| Notes for next lesson | |

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initial response to the music, how they might move, feelings and first impressions. As the children get older, this becomes an opportunity to consolidate previous learning, e.g. is it a style they have heard before, or is it an unusual time signature or groove?

2. Respond: It is important that the children respond in any way they feel comfortable. All responses are valid – musical and non-musical. The on-screen resource will focus on what is needed for that particular year. Remember: each question has its own tile, don't click on the answer until the children have discussed the question. Use the discussion and the information from the tiles to learn about the particular features of the style of the song and its design.

3. Understand. This provides an opportunity for a class discussion about why the song was written and how the song connects to its social and cultural context. Use the discussion and the information from the tiles to learn about the background of the music or song.

The 'Understand' tiles always have a key fact that is historical, a key fact that is cultural and a key fact that is cross-curricular. The 'Understand' tab facts will help the children connect the song to its cultural, historical and social context as appropriate.

4. Connect The children will learn the style indicators of the song or music. Looking at the interactive musical timeline 'Connections: A Selection of Musical Styles and Their Origins' will help them to highlight the connections of the song/music to other styles and place it in time.

Learn to Sing the Song

You will have warmed up your voices in Understanding Music. On the screen, you will have the option to break the song down into manageable learning sections. Add clapping and movement in the relevant sections and have fun! There is an option to follow the score if you wish to see the notated version.

Unit 4 Songs to Be Learnt:

- Song 1 – Friendship Song by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman
- Song 2 – Family by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman
- Song 3 – Come On Over by Joanna Mangona

On the screen, you will see animated glockenspiels and recorders playing four differentiated parts. You decide with the children which parts are the most suitable for them.

The sheet music is available, too. Some of these instrumental parts are challenging, but have been written so that every child has an opportunity to play. Their skills will build over time, so the children will probably swap between parts regularly.

Previously (in KS1), there has been a 'sound before symbol' approach. This approach is still an option, but show the children the notated parts as part of their learning. The Music Theory Guide and videos will support learning notation.

There are also four differentiated parts available for each band instrument; Part 1 is the harder part. Instrumental parts are available for the following songs in this unit:

- Step 1 – Friendship Song by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman

These are the notes you will be using on glockenspiel or recorder. There are four differentiated parts; Part 1 is the hardest (this colour denotes deeper learning):

| Songs | Instrumental Notes | | | |
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| | Part 1 | Part 2 | Part 3 | Part 4 |
| Friendship Song (Glockenspiel) 4/4, C major, 120 bpm | C, D, E, F, G, A, B (Crotchets, quavers) | C, D, E, F, G, A, B (Crotchets, quavers) | C, D, E, F, G, A, B (Minims, crotchets) | C (Semibreves) |
| (Recorder) | C, D, E, F, G, A, B (Crotchets, quavers) | C, F, G, A, B (Crotchets, quavers) | C, F, G, A, B (Minims, crotchets) | C, G (Minims) |

As you know, when someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and therefore will never be heard again. If you write your improvisation down in any way, it becomes a composition and you can play it again with your friends.

The music comes from inside the performer and belongs to them; it's not a question of doing it 'right' or 'wrong'. If the activity is set up properly within correct musical boundaries, children can only succeed. There is one song in this unit to improvise with, plus additional opportunities in the *Improvise Together*, *Create a Graphic Score*, *Compose with a Theme* and *Music Notepad* apps.

Improvisation

In every unit, there is an opportunity for improvisation and for the children to express themselves. Each week, there is an option within 'Musicianship' to *Improvise Together* (see above), and with some songs, the children will also *Improvise with the Song*. You can improvise all together, in groups or as a solo – you decide.

As in KS1, the children can use their voices or clap (rhythmic improvisation) if they are unsure. Then, they can use one note and progress to two, three and five notes only when they are ready. Always start the improvisation with note one of the given sequence. You will be improvising with three or five notes (see the relevant *Musical Progression* documents) (this colour denotes deeper learning):

| Songs | Improvising | |
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| | 3 notes | 5 notes |
| Friendship Song 4/4, C major, 120 bpm | C, D, E | C, D, E, G, A |

Composition

In every unit, there is an opportunity for composing and communicating the children's musical ideas and feelings.

- The composition could be a class task or an individual task.
- The composition could be presented on its own or as part of the performance of a unit song.

There is support in the full lesson plans as to how to approach these activities and you can watch an accompanying video. There are three different composition options:

Option 1: Create a Graphic Score
Create Your Own Graphic Score: What Is a Graphic Score? A graphic score is an exciting and creative way to write a musical composition. It involves using shapes, squiggles, letters, pictures and in fact, anything you would like to include that represents the music you are creating. With a graphic score, you can make up your own rules. You can be as imaginative as you like.

Many composers from the 20th and 21st centuries used graphic scores instead of traditional Western European music notation to describe and record their musical ideas. In this unit, the children will be given the option to create their own graphic scores with the title Family and Friends. They will use their imaginations to decide what will happen in the story and how they will tell it with sounds and instruments.

The children can create their graphic score/s as a class, in groups or individually using the 'Create a Graphic Score' app. In this app, you have the ability to drag and drop a variety of shapes, instruments, musical symbols and text onto the page, as well as being able to draw your own designs.

A graphic score gives you the freedom to assign any sound or action to a specific symbol, so when the music is played, you can follow your score and perform these sounds and actions along to the track.

Composing is all about experimenting and finding out what works and what doesn't. Work together, let ideas flow over the backing tracks. Create music freely, in a safe environment with no boundaries. Have fun!

How to Use the Graphic Score App
With the given theme or topic for each unit, the children can create their graphic score/s as a class, in groups or individually. Their graphic score/s will represent the music they create. There is an option to add the following to the score:

- A variety of pre-designed shapes
- A selection of instrumental graphics
- Musical symbols and even notes
- Their own text
- Their own designs and images

● Colour. The score can represent anything at all, including pitch, dynamics, timbre, tempo, texture or even silence, as well as actions and movement to allow further creativity.

Once the score is complete, press 'play' and it will scroll along in time with the backing track provided. How Do I Set Up My Graphic Score Using the App?

- Press 'settings' and choose how you want your score to look. You can:
 - Choose a background
 - Decide if you want to see the barlines and beat divisions

How Do I Zoom in on Specific Areas of My Score?

- In the bottom right-hand corner of the app, there are + and - symbols which allow you to zoom in on specific areas of your score. If you press 'fit', it will display the entire score. You Can:
 - Use 'Line' drawings/shapes in your graphic score
 - Use 'Block' shapes in your graphic score
 - Use pictures of real instruments in your graphic score
 - Use notation in your graphic score
 - Write and add text into your graphic score

For the above, select the relevant tab and scroll through using the up and down arrows. Change colour by selecting the coloured circle. Place onto the score by dragging and dropping. Once on the score, click to enlarge/shrink/rotate, duplicate, move around or delete. Use the SHIFT key to drag in straight lines.

To Create Your Own Drawings in Your Graphic Score:

- Create your own drawings by selecting any of the three pen options to the right of the tabs. There is an option to use a fineliner, a thicker pen and a highlighter. Change the colour of all of them by selecting the pen you want to use and then clicking on the coloured circle above. To Save and Print Your Graphic Score:
 - Use the file menu to save and print your graphic score.

Option 2: Compose with a Theme In this activity, the children will create a melody inspired by a theme: Family and Friends. It uses a backing track that describes the theme and that will inspire the composition. Choose the Compose with a Theme app in the lesson viewer and the notes provided to create a simple melody that will fit with the song. Choose from the differentiated note sets and as a whole class or in groups, compose a new, simple melody that can be played to the class.

Option 3: Music Notepad Using the Music Notepad app, create your own compositions as a class or in differentiated groups. The lesson plans will give you the information you need for your class to complete this activity, if chosen. The home screen of the app allows you to tailor the settings of your composition by selecting the time and key signatures, clef and number of bars. Once these have been selected, you are able to notate your own composition.

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| <p><u>Perform with the Song</u></p> <p>Perform and share the learning that has taken place in each lesson and at the end of the unit. Here, you have the opportunity to share the fun you had in the lesson.</p> <p>You can sing and add any of the musical activities you have practised with the song/s. Create and present a holistic performance. This will be a short performance for sharing at the end of the lesson.</p> <p>As a class, you can perform at any time to an audience. You might decide to organise a special concert at a different time. Talk together with the children about each element of the lesson/s and what they would like to perform. Share thoughts and feelings.</p> <p>All aspects of the musical learning in these units are connected. The children don't just sing a song, they learn all aspects of it – its historical connections, its narrative, theory, cultural context and style. They then learn and perform the song, with options for improvising, composing, playing their instruments and, of course, movement.</p> <p>Being part of a performance can mean organising, presenting and recording it. If possible, record the performance; children can watch it and use it as a basis for assessment.</p> <p>Children will learn to revisit a performance and reflect on it in greater depth. They will discuss, contextualise and refine their ideas, and look back on the progress they have made. Consider how the children might improve the performance and how they might react to feedback.</p> <p>Recording your 'end of lesson' sharing can be part of the formative assessment process. You will have the option to revisit and perform a song/s of your choice in Step 6 as part of the summative assessment process.</p> <p>Talk about the progress that has been made. Performing is and should be a wonderful and joyful experience for everyone. It is important for children to learn how to behave when performing and when they are part of an audience. Both are important and both have a history of custom and practice in different venues and for different occasions.</p> <p>For some, performing music will become a key part of musicianship. For everyone, regular performance experience and attention to basic performing etiquette enable children to become happy, confident performers, who also feel at ease participating as part of an audience for other performers.</p> <p><u>Theory Quiz (Step 6 only, end of each unit)</u></p> <p>This theory quiz summarises all of the musical learning that has taken place in the unit. There is also a more summative, general quiz for the entire year at the end of Unit 6. Each quiz has a different number of questions and can be used to suit lesson pacing and scheduling appropriately. Each question is multiple-choice and allows you to select the correct answer before moving on.</p> | | |
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Unit Summary

| Step | Activity 1: Musicianship Options | Activity 2: Listen and Respond | Activity 3: Singing | Activity 4: Playing | Activity 5: Improvising and Composing | Activity 6: Performing |
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| 1 | Option 1 Understanding Music Option 2 Improvise Together | Friendship Song | Friendship Song | Play instrumental parts | N/A | Perform and share what has taken place in the lesson |
| 2 | Option 1 Understanding Music Option 2 Improvise Together | A Night On The Bare Mountain | Friendship Song | N/A | Options: - Improvise Together - Improvise with the Song | Perform and share what has taken place in the lesson |
| 3 | Option 1 Understanding Music Option 2 Improvise Together | Family | Family | N/A | Options: - Create a Graphic Score: Family and Friends - Compose with a Theme: Family and Friends | Perform and share what has taken place in the lesson |
| 4 | Option 1 Understanding Music Option 2 Improvise Together | Double Beat Song | Option 1: - Family Option 2: - Friendship Song | N/A | Options: - Improvise Together - Improvise with the Song | Perform and share what has taken place in the lesson |
| 5 | Option 1 Understanding Music Option 2 Improvise Together | Come On Over | Come On Over | N/A | N/A | Perform and share what has taken place in the lesson |
| 6 | Option 1 Understanding Music Option 2 Improvise Together Option 3 Theory Quiz | A Night On The Bare Mountain | Revisit a song of your choice | Play instrumental parts with your chosen song, if available | Option to revisit Improvise and Compose activities | Perform and share what has taken place in the lesson and prepare for a concert |

How this enquiry might be adapted for children of different ages and different abilities?

Dividing up and then combining the pulse, rhythm and pitch of a song or piece can be a fun and useful activity to do as a whole class. You could try this with all of your students together at any moment. It can be good to introduce the topic and to review or build upon combining these three elements as an introduction or 'movement break' for any lesson. First, divide the class into three groups. If you like, you could choose a leader/conductor for each group, who can face their group at the front of the class. Then, take a short song or musical phrase that everyone knows, for example, the song Happy Birthday. One group could start with the pulse of the song, using their feet to find and mark the pulse. The next group can sing the words of the song, at the same time as the first group marking the pulse. The third group can clap the rhythm of the words, without singing. Together in groups, the class is showing how pulse, rhythm and pitch combine to make a song. The next challenge would be for each person to try to do all three elements at the same time. The trickiest thing will be maintaining the pulse with the feet, without confusing it with the rhythm that the hands are clapping. One or two students may master this more easily than the others and they could demonstrate it to the class.

Where is your school based and what are its communities? Where do you and your students come from? Think of music and musicians from those places and communities. How do they help you talk about and understand your community? What new stories could you and your students tell through music and song that would add to the identity and cultural story of your community?

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Criteria in a Spiral Curriculum

Charanga's music curriculum works as a 'spiral'. The children will regularly revisit prior musical learning in order to refresh, consolidate and then build upon knowledge, skills and attitudes. This approach will form holistic, resilient, confident and informed musicians over the course of the curriculum. For this reason, Assessment Criteria may overlap heavily from unit to unit and year to year. This does not mean that the students are unnecessarily repeating the 'same old thing all the time', but rather that the essential core elements that make a well-rounded musician are ever-present as a focus and constantly improved upon, keeping the learner in an ideal 'zone of development' between comfort and challenge.

Assessment Criteria for This Unit

| Area 1: Listening and Responding to Music | Area 2: Understanding and Using the Language of Music | Area 3: Developing Performance Awareness and Skills |
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| 1a: Demonstrates an understanding and appropriate use of musical language (including musical elements), from both prior and new learning. | 2a: Can create a four or six-bar melody according to the instructions given for the Music Notepad composition task. | 3a: Demonstrates an awareness of pulse/beat when listening, moving to and performing music. |
| 1b: Can identify and describe feelings as they relate to music. | 2b: When playing instrumental parts with the song, children can follow the instrumental part on the screen, playing by ear or with the notation provided. | 3b: Demonstrates an understanding of the importance of posture, diction and technique when performing. |
| 1c: Demonstrates an understanding of the musical style and a broader understanding of the cultural and historical connections of the music. | 2c: Can make an informed decision as to which notes to use when composing and improvising with the song. | 3c: When planning, rehearsing, introducing and performing the song: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Understand and make connections between the music encountered and the Social Theme. ● Understand and apply learning from the Musical Spotlight. ● Introduce the performance with context and understanding of the song, the learning process and any other relevant connections. |