Imagine, Believe, Achieve

Springdale First School

Year 1 – Introducing pulse How do musicians all play together?



Children's prior learning in this area	Cultural Capital Opportunities	Key vocabulary and glossary Anchor: beat, pulse	
Expressive Arts	Upcoming – Live and inspired concert in November.		
-Lyrics to a growing number of songs	Investigate the different roles in an orchestra, focus on conductors.	Goldilocks: body percussion,	
-Tempo refers to the speed of music - Play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas -Play instruments within a song The children know how to walk or move to a steady beat where the tempo does not change.	 Components of the Orchestra An orchestra generally has 80 to 100 musicians. A chamber orchestra is smaller, with about 40 or fewer musicians. The conductor directs the musical performance with visible gestures, e.g. hands and facial expressions. The conductor is also called the musical director. The concertmaster is the 1st principle violin player. This person is second in command to the conductor. Each instrumental section has a leader known as the principle. 	classroom percussion Step on: Handel, Baroque, string family, choir, violins, viola, cello, harpsichord, organ, oboe, bassool trumpet	

Enquiry Question: What is the pulse/beat?	Enquiry Question: Who is George Handel?	Enquiry Question: Does the pulse always sound the same?
Concept: Pulse/ beat	Concept: Listening and playing (instrumental)	Concept: Listening, pulse/beat.
Students will learn that the pulse/ beat of the music is the basic unit of time that sets the speed of the music. It is the feeling when you tap your foot or nod your head along to the music.	Students will learn that the pulse/ beat is steady and does not speed up. Suggested route on charanga:	Students will learn that the pulse stays the same in a piece of music but can change from piece to piece, depending on the style. Suggested route on charanga:
Suggested route on charanga: Listening centre - listen by era – baroque – Hallelujah chorus from Messiah by George Handel. Respond: Do you like the music? How did the music make you feel inside? How did you move your body to the music? Do you the think the music was fast, slow or in between?	Listening centre - listen by era – baroque – Hallelujah chorus from Messiah by George Handel. Respond: How did you move your body to the music? • What is the pulse/beat? Can we find the beat of this song? • Who is George Handel? Show timeline of when this music was created. Significant knowledge – he was 7 when he started to play the harpsichord. He played whenever he had the chance. Year 1 Autumn 1, lesson 1 - Recap 'find the beat' song. Introduce classroom percussion. Aim for instruments they can hit/tap. Concepts to cover:	Listening – listen to a reworked version of Hallelujah – this has been turned into a gospel tradition. Hallelujah! - YouTube Do you like the music? How did the music make you feel inside? How did you move your body to the music? Do you the think the music was fast, slow or in between? Compare to the original – how did it sound different? Were all of the same instruments used? Freestyle – creative apps – music explorer – glockenspiel. Select orchestral, medium, select pulse (hearts) Explore moving along to a classical piece of music, following the pulse. E.g. march along to the pulse, clap, stomp etc. Progress onto classroom percussion.
 English Model Curriculum: Year 1 Autumn 1, lesson 1 Introduce the song – find the beat. Model what it means by find the beat, with your feet – stamp, stamp, stamp, stamp. Explain that this is the pulse/beat. Go through the song and swap out different ways to find the beat (e.g with your feet, with your hands, with your fingers etc). Name this body percussion. Musicianship options – understanding music, year 1, unit 		
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Enquiry Question: How do all musicians play together?

Concept: Pulse/ beat, playing instrumental



Students will learn that an orchestra has a conductor that keeps everyone from speeding up or slowing down. The conductor keeps them in time.

Suggested route on charanga:

Listening centre - listen by era – baroque – Hallelujah chorus from Messiah by George Handel.

Now listen to another piece by George Handel – La Rejouissance from Music for the Royal Fireworks. This song was written 7 years after Hallelujiah. <u>Händel: Music for the Royal Fireworks 'La Réjouissance' / Rinaldo Alessandrini · OCM · Palau Música - YouTube</u>

Respond: Do you like the music? How did the music make you feel inside? How did you move your body to the music? Do you the think the music was fast, slow or in between?

What is the **pulse/beat**? Can we find the beat of this song? The pulse is **faster** in this song.

When people play an instrument, they are called a musician. How do all of these musicians play together as a group, as an orchestra? Watch the video again. Who are all of the musicians looking at? The conductor! What is the conductor doing? Showing the pulse/ beat! Show children how to conduct. In 4, you start with your hand in the air, then bring it down for 1, across to the right for 2, then to the left for 3 and back up for 4.

Creative apps – Rhythm grids, 4/4, classical. Practise conducting using the red squares moving on the boxes. Now practise playing on each beat, when the red square moves.

Enquiry Question: What was music like when Handel was alive?

Concept: Listening



Students will learn that Handel was famous during the Baroque period. They will learn that the Baroque period used strings, harpsichords, trumpets and oboes.

Suggested route on charanga:

Listening centre - listen by era – baroque – Hallelujah chorus from Messiah by George Handel.

Explore the instruments used in the original. Listen to what each sounds like.

- Violins (there are some in the music room in the bungalow!) *VIOLIN* | Musical Instruments | Nursery Rhymes TV | Music For Kids -YouTube
- Harpichord <u>Bach Invention No. 13</u>
 in A minor BWV 784 Anna
 Kuvshinov | Netherlands Bach
 Society YouTube
- Trumpet link on charanga lesson resources

Now listen to Halleljuiah again. When they hear a violin, play a pretend violin. Now listen in to the harpsichord. Then the trumpet (about 1 min 30).

Enquiry Question: Why do we need a steady beat?

Concept: Playing (instrumental)



Students will learn that musicians all play together by following a steady beat. They will learn that one part of

the orchestra is usually playing the beat and others have to listen to hear it.

Suggested route on charanga

Listening centre – Haydn symphony no94. This piece of music is fantastic for hearing a steady beat. Click on example percussion section on the percussion grid on charanga (linked in resources).

Everyone clap along to the steady beat/pulse. Progress onto **classroom percussion** – instruments they can hit or tap.

We are all playing on every beat. We group these beats into counts of 4. 1,2,3,4. We are now going to try and just play on 1. Introduce counting to 4 while playing and take out 1 beat at a time. Eg practise 1,2,3,4 then 1,2,3 then 1,2 then 1 until everyone can play 1 and wait 3 counts.

Split the class in half. Have 1 half on wooden classroom percussion (e.g claves, wood blocks etc) and the other on a metal percussion instrument (triangles). The wooden instruments are going to play 1,2,3,4 and then metal on just 1. Try each group on their own then try together.