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Springdale First School

Year 2 – Combining rhythm and pitch
(Instrumental) – recorders. What does a musician look like?

Children's prior learning in this area	Cultural Capital Opportunities	Key vocabulary and glossary		
- Rhythm means patterns that fit over a steady beat.	Live and inspired BSO concert May 2024 – live stream.	descant recorder - a musical instrument from the woodwind family.		
- Rhythms are dictated by syllables of long and short patterns.				
- Repeated rhythm is called an ostinato.	Live performance of a recorder, a clarinet and a saxophone.	woodwind family – a group of instruments that are played by blowing air through		
 The beat can be grouped into 4 counts. A piece of music can have a melody and an accompaniment 		a mouthpiece and opening or closing holes on the instrument with your fingers to change the pitch.		
- An ensemble keeps in time together to a steady beat.		change the pitch.		
		pitch – how high or low the note is.		
		stave - a set of five horizontal lines and four spaces that musical pitches are		
		written on to.		
		crotchet - A note worth one beat, represented by a solid dot with a stem.		
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		crotchet rest - A moment of silence in music lasting for one beat.		
Enquiry Question: What is a recorder and how does it work?	Enquiry Question: How do we create an appropriate sound on a	Enquiry Question: How is music written down?		
Concept: Performance instrumental	recorder? Concept: Performance instrumental	Concept: Musical notation		
Concept. Ferrormance instrumental	Key element: Pitch	Key element: Pitch		
Students will know that the descant recorder is a	Students will know that notes can be separated by	Students will know that a stave is a set of five horizontal lines and four		
musical instrument from the woodwind family.	using the tongue to stop the air flow.	spaces. B sits on the third line up. A sits on the second space up.		
Students will know how to take care of each instrument, playing	Students will know how to match the pitch they hear	Students will know how to read and respond to chanted rhythm		
with an awareness of control.	with accuracy.	patterns, and represent them with stick notation including crotchets, quavers and crotchets rests.		
Knowledge: The descant recorder is a musical instrument from the	Recall and retrieve: Revisit instrument care from lesson 1 – taking	crotchets, quavers una crotchets rests.		
woodwind family. An orchestra has 4 families – woodwind, brass, strings and	care of the instrument and how to hold the recorder and make an	Recall and retrieve: Revisit instrument care from lesson 1 – taking care of the		
percussion. The woodwind section features many instruments from the	appropriate sound.	instrument and how to hold the recorder and make an appropriate sound.		
Bolero that we listened to in Autumn. Woodwind instruments make sounds				
by blowing gently and uncovering the finger holes.	Key Element: Pitch – how high or low the note is.	Key Element: Pitch – how high or low the note is.		
	Revisit the first note last week – B. Explain that the pitch (how	Revisit how to play a B. Recap that the pitch (how high or low the note is) is		
<u>Instrument care</u> – when you are not playing your recorder, put it carefully in	high or low the note is) is determined by where your fingers are	determined by where your fingers are on the recorder. Play Red Boat, Blue Boat		
its case and store it in a place where it is not going to get broken.	on the recorder.	again.		
Teach "housed" ran on Charanga	Teach: Introduce Red Boat, Blue Boat. I do, you do – teacher to	Teach: Show B on a stave. A stave is a set of five horizontal lines and four spaces		
Teach – 'hey you' rap on Charanga https://soundstorm.charanga.com/c/1314439-instruments/131959-	sing the song, children to copycat the pitch rhythm (a rhythm with	that musical pitches are written on to. – see charanga video -		
recorder-course/lessons/64262-rec-step-1. Sing the song with varations of	a melody/tune) back. Teacher to clap the rhythm, children to	https://soundstorm.charanga.com/resources/10434-easy-b-theory-the-language-		
pick up recorder/put it down/ hold it to lips.	copycat back. Teacher to sing and clap, children copycat. Teacher	of-music/play. Explain that by now putting one more finger over the next finger		
plant up 1 additionly partite downly more to mpo.	to play the rhythm on their recorder, modelling appropriate	hole down on the recorder, the pitch is going to also move down (the sound will		
<u>Instrument care</u> – holding a recorder. Introduce a good sitting position. Sit up	technique of breathing and sitting position. Model how to	get lower). The next note we are going to learn to play on our recorder is A. To		
tall so full breaths can be taken. Hold your recorder with your left hand at	separate the notes you are playing using your tongue. Notes can	play A, we use the top two fingers of our left hand to cover the top two holes and		
the top. The thumb should be covering the hole at the back. The fingers on	be separated by using the tongue to stop the air flow. Tap the back	we cover the hole at the back with our left thumb.		
the left hand should be gently curved and life up and down over the three	of the teeth with your tongue as if you are saying d for dog.			
top finger holes. Use the thumb of your right hand to steady the recorder.		Introduce Amazing Aeroplane. I do, you do – teacher to sing the song, children to		
Sing left hand/right hand rap on charanga.		copycat the pitch rhythm (a rhythm with a melody/tune) back. Teacher to clap		

Correct technique – breathing techniques – if you blow too hard into the recorder, it will squeak. Instead, pretend that you are blowing gently on a single candle glame so it flickers back and forth. Separate the notes you are playing using your tongue. Tap the back of the teeth with your tongue as if you are saying d for dog.

<u>Teach:</u> First note – B. Thumb and first finger.

Apply: - learn how to play Bouncing Ball (See resources).

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Recall and retrieve: Revisit instrument care from lesson 1 – taking care of the instrument and how to hold the recorder and make an appropriate sound.

Revisit how to play a B. Recap that the pitch (how high or low the note is) is determined by where your fingers are on the recorder. Play Red Boat, Blue Boat again.

Knowledge: Show B on a stave (A stave is a set of five horizontal lines and four spaces) – see charanga video). Show A on a stave. B sits on the third line up. A sits on the second space up. Watch notation video. Show the written notation for 'B and A come together' on Charanga. Explain that the coloured in circle with a stick pointing straight up or down means we play 1 note on that beat (this is called a crotchet). When we don't play, like on beat 2, we put in a symbol to show we rest. This is called a crotchet rest.

Practise moving from a B to an A. Practising moving from an A to a B. What happens to the pitch we are creating?

Teach: Introduce 'B and A come together'. Slow the tempo down to 50%. I do, you do – teacher to sing the song, children to copycat the pitch rhythm (a rhythm with a melody/tune) back. Teacher to clap the rhythm, children to copycat back. Teacher to sing and clap, children copycat. Teacher to play the rhythm on their recorder, modelling how to move from one note to the next, preparing the fingers prior to when the note needs to be played.

Apply: Perform in small groups and note down any children who are struggling to hold the recorder (left hand at the top, right hand at the bottom), make the correct sound, make the correct pitch and make the correct rhythm.

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the rhythm, children to copycat back. Teacher to sing and clap, children copycat. Teacher to play the rhythm on their recorder, modelling appropriate technique of breathing and sitting position. Model how to separate the notes you are playing using your tongue. Tap the back of the teeth with your tongue as if you are saying d for dog.

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<u>Teach:</u> Introduce 'Abie's blues (on charanga). Show the notation. Recap that the coloured in circle with a stick pointing straight up or down means we play 1 note on that beat (this is called a crotchet). When we don't play, we put in a symbol to show we rest. This is called a crotchet rest. A circle not coloured in with a stick pointing up or down means we play for 2 beats. This is called a minim but we will learn more about this in year 3. This piece of music has been selected as it uses combinations of long and short notes, movement of pitches and crotchet rests.

Explain that music can be written down or learnt off by heart. Mrs Gardner to show a clarinet and a saxophone and explain that a recorder is a stepping stone to other woodwind instruments. Learning how to read music through learning the recorder is a stepping stone to learning ANY instrument.

Extended opportunity - Performance of 2 pieces to parents

Perpatetic teachers to visit classes to show further opportunities available in year 3 for the children.