

## Who likes to listen to Rhythm and Blues?

In this unit, the children will be focusing on Rhythm and Blues or R n B music. They will be using 'Let your spirit fly' by Joanna Mangona as a basis as well as other more well known songs. This song will be the main song to start with each lesson and build up their knowledge of Rhythm and Blues music.

### In this unit children will:

In this unit of work, the children will learn how to appreciate rhythm and blues music.

To listen to and discuss well known music such as 'Ain't No Mountain High Enough' and 'You're the first. The last. My everything' and compare these pieces.

Be able to listen and appraise different pieces of music.

Take part in musical activities including finding the pulse and beat in different pieces.

They will be able to learn to sing different rhythm and blues songs including 'Let your spirit fly'.

Play instruments with the song including the glockenspiel.

Performing the compositions independently, in pairs and in groups.

Enjoy different R n B music from all eras and be able to explore how the songs make them feel.

### Prior Learning

**Year 1** Voice preparation before singing

**Year 2** Glockenspiel playing

### Cross Curricular Links

**PSHCE** – discussing what the lyrics are saying.

**Geography** – looking at where different music is made on the map.

### Key Vocabulary

**Rhythm and Blues music** - a form of popular music of US black origin which arose during the 1940s from blues, with the addition of driving rhythms taken from jazz.

**R n B** – Shortened version of rhythm and blues.

**Hit** – a widely played or top selling song.

**Guitar** – a stringed musical instrument that can be acoustic or electric to change the sound.

**No.1** – when a song has hit the top of the selling and playing charts.

**Band** – a group of people who play and write songs.

**Duet** – when two people sing together.

**Barry White** – singer of 'You're the first. The last. My everything.'

**Marvin Gaye** – American singer and songwriter.

**Lyrics** – the song words.

## Key Knowledge

April 2<sup>nd</sup> was made Marvin Gaye day.

Sam Cooke and Aretha Franklin were two of the greatest R n B singers of all time.

When Rhythm and Blues got the nickname R n B it changed a lot.

R n B today has changed a lot over the years, having singers such as Rihanna and Beyoncé.

Marvin Gaye was very famous for creating and singing some great duets.

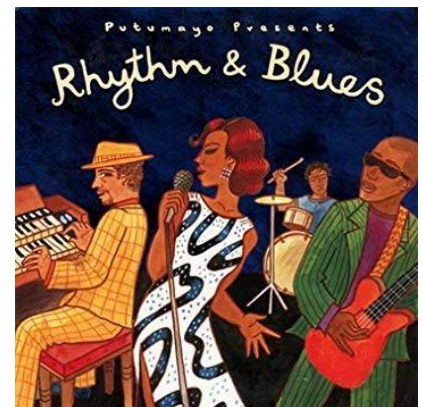
'I heard it through the grapevine' was one of Marvin's biggest hits.

Barry White's real name is actually Barry Eugene Carter.

Barry White created 'The Love Unlimited Orchestra'

The melody and beat of R n B music is usually slow and steady.

R n B was a big influence on jazz music and inspired changes.



## Key Questions

Who was the biggest R n B singer/band of all time?

What makes a good piece of rhythm and blues music?

Where would you start to write a piece of rhythm and blues music?