

What makes rock music so great?

In this unit, the children will be focusing on rock music and using Bon Jovi's 'Livin' on a prayer' as inspiration. This song will be the main song to start with each lesson and build up their knowledge of rock music.

In this unit children will:

- The children will learn and/or build on their knowledge and understanding about the interrelated dimensions of music and listen to and appraise different rock songs.
- The children will learn how to find the pulse and the beat in different pieces of music and let their body move to the rhythm.
- Learn to listen to and appraise different rock music, including songs by Queen, Deep Purple and The Beatles.
- The children will learn different songs and have the opportunity to perform the songs using voice and some different instruments.

Prior Learning

Year 1 Voice preparation before singing

Year 2 R and B music understanding

Year 3 Glockenspiel playing

Cross Curricular Links

English – writing about the different music and bands.

Key Vocabulary

- **Rock music** – a form of popular music that evolved from rock and roll and pop music during the mid and late 1960s.
- **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 music together.
- **Jon Bon Jovi** – the lead singer and founder of the band Bon Jovi.
- **Chuck Berry** – the founder of Rock N Roll music.
- **Tone** – the duration, pitch and intensity of the music.
- **Pitch** – how high or low the sound is.
- **Timbre** – the quality of the sound.
- **Lyrics** – the song words.

Key Knowledge

- **Bon Jovi** was originally going to name themselves 'Johnny Electric'.
- Bon Jovi formed in 1983.
- **Jon Bon Jovi's** real name is actually John Francis Bongiovi.
- 'Livin' on a Prayer' reached **No. 1** on Feb. 14, 1987, and stayed there for four weeks. It's the band's longest-running top **hit**, and its lead characters, Tommy and Gina, have become part of rock mythology.
- **Rock music** is a broad genre of popular music that originated as "rock and roll" in the United States in the early 1950s.
- **Chuck Berry** is seen to be the founder of **rock music**.
- Musically, **rock** mostly uses the **electric guitar** as part of a **rock** group with bass **guitar** and **drums**.



- Like popular music, **rock** music **lyrics** are mostly about "romantic love".
- **Rock music** has also helped cultural and social movements.

Key Questions

- How many members were in Bon Jovi?
- How many no. 1 hits did Bon Jovi and Queen have?
- Why was Freddie Mercury so famous?
- How did Chuck Berry found Rock N Roll music?