

What is Reggae music?

Rhythm in the way we walk and The Banana Rap

In this unit of work the children will listen and appraise a variety of Hip Hop and reggae songs. The children will learn the songs 'Rhythm in the way we walk' and 'The Banana Rap' and learn about pitch and be able to evaluate and appraise other pieces of music.

In this unit children will:

- Develop knowledge of pulse, rhythm and pitch.
- Understand the meaning of warming up your voice and practise this skill.
- Sing, play, improvise and compose with the song 'The Banana Rap'!
- Listen and appraise a number of old school hip hop tunes and reggae songs.
- Use their voice creatively as a group.
- Identify instruments played within a piece of music.

Prior Learning

EYFS Hearing and listening and vocalising and singing

Year 1 Hey You! Hip hop music appraisal

Cross Curricular Links

Phonics Reading lyrics

Geography Parts of the world

Key Knowledge

- Understand that reggae music comes from a different part of the world.
- Listening and appraising music needs you to concentrate and focus on what you can hear and then give your opinion on it.
- Know that the pulse of the music is a steady beat, the rhythm is the pattern of long and short sounds and the pitch is how high or low a note is.
- Use your personal feelings when you improvise – say and act however you feel.

Key Vocabulary

Beat – The rhythm of a song which you might tap your toes along to.

Rhythm – The pattern of long and short sounds in a song.

Pulse – The steady beat (like a ticking clock) in a song.

Listen and appraise – When you listen to a piece of music and give your opinion on it.

Hip hop music – A musical style that includes rhythm and rhythmic speech.

Improvise with the song – A creative activity which you do immediately when you are 'in the moment'.

Compose – When you create a song by writing the words and music yourself.

Pitch – The degree of highness or lowness of the notes.

Key Questions

What is your favourite song?

What musical instruments can you hear?

What is the style of music?

How did you feel when you were performing?

Where does Reggae music originate from?

