## <u>Music</u> - Progression of Knowledge, Understanding and Skills - WIJPS

Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. A high-quality music education engages and inspires pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, and so increases their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement. AS pupils progress, they should develop a critical engagement with music, allowing them to compose, and to listen with discrimination to the best in the musical canon.

At WIJPS we use a musical programme called Charanga which provides teachers with weekly lessons, assessment, progression, and engaging and exciting whiteboard resources to support all the requirements of the national curriculum.

In line with the curriculum for music and guidance from Ofsted, this Scheme moves away from the previous levels and learning objective/outcome concepts to an integrated, practical, exploratory and child-led approach to musical learning.

Ofsted have stated that "We will not always know the learning outcomes" so segregated learning objectives at the start of each lesson are not appropriate. Instead the interrelated dimensions of music weave through the units to encourage the development of musical skills as the learning progresses through listening and appraising, differing musical activities (including creating and exploring) and performing.

#### How the Scheme is structured

Each Unit of Work comprises strands of musical learning which correspond with the national curriculum for music:

Listening and Appraising; Musical Activities; Warm-up Games; Optional Flexible Games; Singing; Playing instruments; Improvisation; Composition; Performing

The National Curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils:

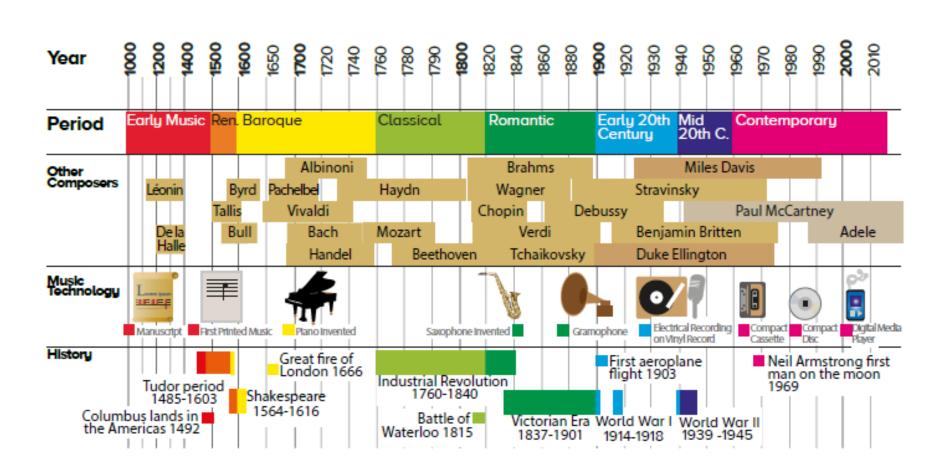
Perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and tradition, including the works of the great composers and musicians

Learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence

Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the interrelated dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.

To extend pupil development we also use a BBC programme entitled '10 Pieces', which focuses on 10 artists each year to promote a love of music and understanding of the history in which each composer lived and wrote their music, influenced by world events of the time.

The music timeline below demonstrates some of the composers the children will study - linked to their history topics - using the BBC resources



# Nursery & Reception

#### Being imaginative

## **EYFS**

Early Learning Goal: Children talk about their own ideas and processes which have led them to make music. They can talk about the features of their own and others work (compositions), recognising the differences between them and the strengths of others.

Pupils are given opportunities to;

- Develop ideas and interests
- Have specific foci for creative designs/purpose
- Combine and change their creation purposefully reflecting and reviewing their work
- Talk about the ideas and processes they have used in their own and others work
- Recognise the strengths of their own work and others

Expected - The children are provided with an environment which is set up in such a way that promotes these opportunities and focus on representing their own ideas

Expected - Pupils experiment with design - sometimes adult led but not making 'everyone the same'

Exceeding - Pupils develop their ideas, make decisions, combine and change their ideas with a purpose to aligning their decision making processes and judging their own work and the work of others through reflection on ways to improve the work they have created

Charanga: Listen & Respond (Listen & Appraise)

The foundation of musical learning begins. Whilst listening to a variety of styles of music, the children are encouraged to find the pulse, use their imaginations, dance and enjoy themselves. Afterwards, the teacher will ask simple questions. In each step there is the option to listen and respond to a different song or piece of music in a different style. This music is used to inspire imaginative movement, initially free and child-led movement, this grows to enable the teacher to teach the children to follow and copy instruction. The children begin to respond verbally and with movement.

#### Topics:

<u>Autumn</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Summer</u>

Charanga: Me Everyone Big Bear Funk
My Stories Our World Reflect, Rewind, Replay

Music of current day - e.g. Adele

## KS1

# Subject content

#### KS1: Pupils are taught to:

Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and thymes

Play tuned and untuned instruments musically

Listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the interrelated dimensions of music

Charanga - Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2, Year 5: Autumn and Spring Listen & Appraise

All musical learning happens around the main unit song and children are appraised through Listen and Appraise using other related songs. Within each Listen & Appraise activity in each unit, the children stand up to internalise the pulse using their bodies, stand in a circle or behind desks and take part in the activity with conviction and fun!

The questions on-screen, for each activity are:

Do you like the song? What can you hear? What is the style of the music? How is the song put together?

## Year One

#### Performing

- To use their voices to speak/sing/chant
- To join in with singing
- To use instruments to perform
- To look at their audience when they are performing
- To clap short rhythmic patterns
- To copy sounds

### <u>Challenge:</u>

Pupils make loud and quiet sounds They know that the chorus keeps repeating

# Composing (including notation)

- To make different sounds with their voice
- To make different sounds with instruments
- To identify changes in sounds
- To change the sound
- To repeat (short rhythmic and melodic) patterns
- To make a sequence of sounds
- To show sounds by using pictures

### Challenge:

Pupils can tell the difference between long and short sounds They can tell the difference between high and low

#### **Appraising**

- To respond to different moods in music
- To say how a piece of music makes them feel
- To say whether they like or dislike a piece of music
- To choose sounds to represent different things
- To recognise repeated patterns
- To follow instructions about when to play or sing

## <u>Challenge:</u>

Pupils are able to tell the difference between a fast and slow tempo
They can tell the difference between loud and quiet

## Topics:

## <u>Autumn</u>

Charanga: Hey You Rhythm in the way we walk (The Banana Rap)

#### Spring

Charanga: In the Groove Round and Round

### <u>Summer</u>

Charanga: Your imagination Reflect, Rewind, Replay

#### Composers:

History link - Romantic Period - Victorians e.g. Brahms, Wagner, Verdi, Tchaikovsky Composition links to Benjamin Britten

#### Ways parents can help: Autumn

Supporting introductions to the different styles of music: Blues, Latin, Folk, Funk, Baroque, Bhangra, Latin American and Western cultural that

and Western cultural that link to history, geography, countries and cultures. Playing clapping sounds and developing rhythms and patterns, pace and tempo and awareness of loud and soft.

	choosing an instrument	sound happening at the same time		
<ul> <li>To sing and follow the melody (tune)</li> <li>To sing accurately at a given pitch</li> <li>To perform simple</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>notation)</li> <li>To order sounds to create a beginning, middle and end</li> <li>To create music in</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appraising</li> <li>To improve their own work</li> <li>To listen out for particular things when listening to music</li> </ul>	Autumn Charanga: Hands Feet Heart Ho ho ho Spring	Ways parents can help: Autumn Exploring more sounds: Reggae, Motown, Rock and South African music and freedom songs.
patterns and accompaniments keeping a steady pulse To perform with others To play simple rhythmic patterns on an instrument To sing/ clap a pulse increasing or decreasing in tempo	<ul> <li>response to <different points="" starting=""></different></li> <li>To choose sounds which create an effect</li> <li>To use symbols to represent sounds</li> <li>To make connections between notations and musical sounds</li> </ul>	Challenge: Pupils recognise sounds that move by steps and by leaps	Charanga: I wanna play in a band Zootime  Summer Charanga: Friendship song Reflect, Rewind, Replay  Composers: History link - Baroque period - Great fire of London	Dancing to a beat and practicing pulse and tempo, walking, marching and running. Keeping own song steady and in tune whilst another sings an alternative: e.g. Three blind mice and London's Burning - sung simultaneously.
Challenge: Pupils can sing/play rhythmic patterns in contrasting tempo; keeping to the pulse	Challenge: Pupils can use simple structures in a piece of music They know that phrases are where we breathe in a song		e.g. Pachelbel, Vivaldi	
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Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians Develop an understanding of the history of music

Charanga: Lower Key Stage 2, Year 5: Autumn and Spring

Listen & Appraise

All musical learning happens around the main unit song and children are appraised through Listen and Appraise using other related songs. Within each Listen & Appraise activity in each unit, the children stand up to internalise the pulse using their bodies, stand in a circle or behind desks and take part in the activity with conviction and fun!

The questions on-screen, for each activity are:

Do you like the song?

What can you hear?

What is the style of the music?

*How is the song put together?* 

Year 5 Summer and Year 6

Listen & Appraise

Again, each step has a Listen & Appraise section. All the pupils stand to listen to the song and move to the pulse

On-screen questions are used:

- How does this song make you feel?
- Does this song tell a story?
- What does the song make you think of?
- How old do you think this piece of music is?

Appraisal:

After listening to the song, answer the on-screen questions. Click 'Show answer' and an answer will appear.

These questions are for example from Pharrell Williams' song Happy:

- Did the tempo stay the same all the way through the song? Yes, the tempo stayed the same.
- In music, dynamics means how loud or quiet the music is. What are the dynamics in this song? The music is louder in the chorus when all the instruments are playing together.
- Can you identify the different instruments/voices that you heard? A solo male voice and backing vocals. Keyboard, bass and drums. The clapping in this song behaves like another instrument.
- Did all the instruments and voices play or sing throughout the song? No. Pharrell, the male vocalist, sings throughout the song but the backing vocalists don't. The instrumentalists, apart from the bass player, drop out of the bridge sections.
- What is the style of this music? Pop music with a Soul influence.

	Performing	Composing (including	Appraising	Topics:	Ways parents can help:
Year	_				· · · ·
Three	<ul> <li>To sing in tune with expression</li> <li>To control their voice when singing</li> <li>To play clear notes on instruments</li> </ul> Challenge: <ul> <li>Pupils work with a partner to create a piece of music using more than one instrument</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>notation)</li> <li>To use different elements in their composition</li> <li>To create repeated patterns with different instruments</li> <li>To compose melodies and songs</li> <li>To create accompaniments for tunes</li> <li>To combine different sounds to create a specific mood or feeling</li> <li>Challenge:         <ul> <li>Pupils understand metre in 2 and 3 beats; then 4 and 5 beats</li> <li>They understand how the use of tempo can provide contrast within a piece of music</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To improve their work explaining how it has improved</li> <li>To use musical words (the elements of music) to describe a piece of music and compositions</li> <li>To use musical words to describe what they like and dislike</li> <li>To recognise the work of at least one famous composer</li> </ul> Challenge: <ul> <li>Pupils can tell whether a change is gradual or sudden</li> <li>They identify repetition, contrasts and variations</li> </ul>	Autumn Charanga: Let your spirit fly Glockenspiel (Stage 1)  Spring Charanga: Three little birds The dragon song  Summer Charanga: Bringing us together Reflect, Rewind, Replay  Composers: History link - Early Music - Ango-Saxons - pre 1066 e.g. Leonin, De La Halle	Autumn Helping research historical context. Devising simple notation to represent a musical score. Listening to a range of western classical music to attune young ears to classical musical styles.
Year	<u>Performing</u>	Composing (including	<u>Appraising</u>	Topics:	Ways parents can help:
	<ul> <li>To perform a simple</li> </ul>	notation)	<ul> <li>To explain the place of</li> </ul>	<u>Autumn</u>	<u>Autumn</u>
Four	part rhythmically	To use notations to	silence and say what	Charanga: Mamma Mia	Listening to different styles
	<ul> <li>To sing songs from</li> </ul>	record and interpret	effect it has	Glockenspiel (Stage 2)	of music - from Abba 1970's
	memory with accurate	sequences of pitches	<ul> <li>To start to identify the</li> </ul>		and 80s, Bhangra, Tango,
	pitch	To use standard	character of a piece of	Spring	Latin Fusion, Gospel and
	<ul> <li>To improvise using</li> </ul>	notation	music	Charanga: Stop	Beatles and discussing how
	repeated patterns	<ul> <li>To use notations to</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To describe and identify</li> </ul>	Lean on Me	they sound different and
		record compositions in a	the different purposes		why - what was happening
		small group or on their	of music	<u>Summer</u>	in the world at the time?
		own	<ul> <li>To being to identify with</li> </ul>	Charanga: Blackbird	

	Challenge: Pupils can use selected pitches simultaneously to produce simple harmony	To use their notation in a performance  Challenge: Pupils can explore and use sets of pitches, e.g. 4 or 5 note scales They can show how they can use dynamics to provide contrast	the style of work of Beethoven, Mozart and Elgar  Challenge: Pupils can identify how a change in timbre can change the effect of a piece of music	Reflect, Rewind, Replay  Composers: History link - Early/ Mid 20th Century America - Miles Davis, Duke Ellington	
Year Five	<ul> <li>Performing</li> <li>To breath in the correct place when singing</li> <li>To sing and use their understanding of meaning to add expression</li> <li>To maintain their part whilst others are performing their part</li> <li>To perform 'by ear' and from simple notations</li> <li>To improvise within a group using melodic and rhythmic phrases</li> <li>To recognise and use basic structural forms e.g. rounds, variations, rondo form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Composing (including notation)</li> <li>To change sounds or organise them differently to change the effect</li> <li>To compose music which meets specific criteria</li> <li>To use their notations to record groups of pitches (chords)</li> <li>To use a music diary to record aspects of the composition process</li> <li>To choose the most appropriate tempos for a piece of music</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appraising</li> <li>To describe, compare and evaluate music using musical vocabulary</li> <li>To explain why they think their music is successful or unsuccessful</li> <li>To suggest improvements to their own or others' work</li> <li>To choose the most appropriate tempo for a piece of music</li> <li>To contrast the work of famous composers and show preferences</li> <li>Challenge:</li> </ul>	Topics: Autumn Charanga: Livin' on a prayer Classroom Jazz 1  Spring Charanga: Make you feel my love (preview) Fresh Prince of Bel Air (preview)  Summer Charanga: Dancin' in the street (preview) Reflect, Rewind, Replay  Composers: History link - Early/Mid 20th Century Europe - Debussy, Stravinsky, Benjamin Britten	Ways parents can help: Autumn Sharing and discussing modern styles of music: rock, jazz, pop, hip-hop, Motown, and discussing how this is different to the classics of the early and mid- 20th century.
	Challenge: Pupils use pitches simultaneously to produce harmony by building up	Pupils understand the relation between pulse and syncopated patterns They can identify (and use)	Pupils can explain how tempo changes the character of music They identify where a		

simple chords They devise and play a repeated sequence of pitches on a tuned instrument to accompany a song  Performing To since here a property	how patterns of repetitions, contrasts and variations can be organised to give structure to a melody, rhythm, dynamic and timbre  Composing (including	gradual change in dynamics has helped to shape a phrase of music  Appraising	Topics:	Ways parents can help:
To sing a harmony part confidently and accurately To perform parts from memory To perform using notations To take the lead in a performance To take on a solo part To provide rhythmic support  Challenge: Pupils can perform a piece of music which contains two (or more) distinct melodic or rhythmic parts, knowing how the part will fit together	<ul> <li>notation)</li> <li>To be able to use a variety of different musical devices in their composition (including melody, rhythms and chords)</li> <li>To recognise that different forms of notation serve different purposes</li> <li>To use different forms of notation</li> <li>To be able to combine groups of beats</li> </ul> Challenge: <ul> <li>Pupils can show how a small change of tempo can make a piece of music more effective</li> <li>They use the full range of chromatic pitches to build up chords, melodic lines and bass lines</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To be able to refine and improve their work</li> <li>To be able to evaluate how the venue, occasion and purpose affects the way a piece of music is created</li> <li>To be able to analyse features within different pieces of music</li> <li>To be able to compare and contrast the impact that different composers from different times will have had on the people of the time.</li> <li>Challenge: Pupils can appraise the introductions, interludes and endings for songs and compositions they have created</li> </ul>	Autumn Charanga: I'll be there Classroom Jazz 2  Spring Charanga: Britten - A New Year Carol (preview) Happy (preview)  Summer Charanga: You've got a friend (preview) Reflect, Rewind, Replay  Composers: History link - Classical Period - Haydn, Mozart, Elgar and Beethoven	Autumn Sharing a medley of music, broadening the range explored across the school: Michael Jackson, Jazz, Latin, Blues, Gospel, Bhangra, Pop, Motown, music of Carole King and western classical music of the 20th century. Understanding how history has shaped our music and tastes have changed and been influenced by war and migration.

### The Interrelated Dimensions of Music

Progression through Charanga Musical School



Progression throughout the Units of Work With each new song, always start again with the This represents an ever increasing spiral of reinforces the interrelated dimensions of music. foundation of pulse, then rhythm, then pitch, musical learning. adding new dimensions as you progress. Year 6 Year 5 Year 4 Year 3 Year 2 Year 1 **Pulse** Rhythm Pitch **Dynamics Tempo** Timbre Structure Texture Notation

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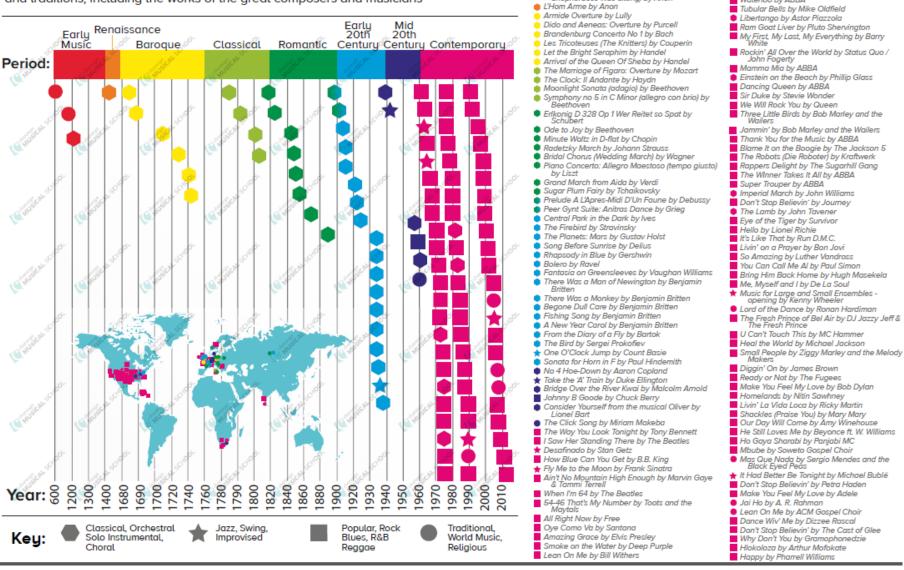
#### What can you hear? What is the style of the music? Renaissance Gregorian **Tudor Dance** Traditional Orchestral Medieval Chanting Music Baroque Religious Sonata Yayue Indian Folk Classical Gamelan Classical Soloist Romantic Dongjing Spiritual Flamenco Opera 20th Century Choral Highland Samba Gospel Ballet Waltz Contemporary Bhangra Rumba West African Highlife Drumming Bollywood Soundtrack Salsa Dance Fusion Tango Avant-garde Electronic **Brass Band** Bluegrass Latin Techno Country & Blues Rock Reggae Western 'n' Roll House Dixieland Dancehall Dub Ska **Big Band** Disco Heavy Easy Listening Progressive Metal Soul Pop Rock Jazz Motown Hip-hop Funk Rap Jazz and Rock Rhythm Popular Swing **Improvised** RnB & Blues Punk Indie Where in the world When do you think the music was written? is the music from? Old Now Year 840 Mid Baroque Romantic Early 20th Contemporary Earlu Music Classical Renaissance Century 20th C. Jazz Folk and Traditional Popular

## Listening and appraising

Charanga Musical School listening material

#### National Curriculumn 2014:

"...listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians"



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Suspicious Minds by Elvis Presley

Love Me Tender by Elvis Presley

Clapping Music by Steve Reich

■ Waterloo by ABBA

Musical School Listening Material

La Quinta Estampie Real (anon 13th C.) by Anon

 L'autrier Pastoure Seoit (The Other Day a Shepherdess Was Sitting) by Anon

Music from Compline by Anon

# Keywords

A capella - Without accompaniment from musical instruments, i.e. voices only.

Appraising - Listening carefully.

Arrangement - How voices and instruments are used in a song; where they occur within the song.

back beat - Beats 2 and 4 in a drum-line or if we are clapping along with the music.

Backing - The accompaniment to a song.

Balance - The level of volume at which players sing or play; if the balance is good then everyone can be heard.

Ballad - A gentle love song.

Band - Playing/singing/performing together.

Bridge/ middle 8 - Contrasting section which leads back to main material.

Chord - More than one note played at the same time.

Chorus - A repeated section in a song which gives the main message.

Coda - Short section which brings the song or piece to an end.

Cover - A version of a song performed by someone other than the original artist that might sound a bit – or very – different.

Composing - Creating and developing musical ideas and 'mixing' these.

Crossover - Can be a mixture of different styles which introduces new music to different audiences.

Decks - Equipment used by DJs, MCs and Rappers to mix sounds from different records and to make effects like scratching. First used in the late 1970s.

Drum loops - A loop is a sequence of sounds/music that is recorded, maybe sampled, and reproduced digitally or electronically.

Dynamics - How loud or quiet the music is.

Ending - Short section which brings the song or piece to an end.

Ensemble - A French word used to describe playing/singing/performing together.

Groove - The rhythmic part of the music that makes you want to move and dance.

Harmony - Different notes sung or played at the same time, to produce chords.

Hook - A term used in pop music to describe a short catchy phrase or riff that we can't stop singing; the bit that 'hooks' us in; the main musical idea from a song that we remember.

Improvise - To make up a tune and play it on the spot; there is an assumption that it can never be recreated.

Interlude - A passage of music played between the main themes

Introduction - Music heard at the beginning of a song or piece of music-bridge; a section of music that can take us from a verse to a chorus, just as a bridge over a river takes us from one place to another.

Lyrics - The words of a song.

Melody - Another name for a tune.

Melodic - Melody or tune.

Notation - Ways to visually represent music.

Offbeat - If a piece of music has 4 beats in a bar i.e. 1 2 3 4, to clap on the offbeat you would clap on beats 2 and 4 not 1 and 3.

Original - The first ever version of a song.

Ostinato - A short repeated pattern.

Outro - Short section which brings the song or piece to an end.

Pentatonic scale - A fixed five-note pattern e.g. the five black keys on a piano.

Performing - Singing and playing instruments.

Phrase - A musical sentence.

Pitch - The range of high and low sounds.

Pre-chorus - A short section in a song, before the chorus.

Pulse/beat - The heartbeat or steady beat of a song/piece of music.

Recurring theme - A tune that repeats again and again in a piece of music.

Rhythm - The combination of long and short sounds to make patterns.

Riff - A short repeated phrase, often played on a lead instrument such as guitar, piano or saxophone.

Roots reggae - Music that deals with social and racial issues and brings in elements of Rastafari.

Sampling - Record a sample of music, a small section, and re use it in another piece of music or song. Used frequently in hip hop and other pop music.

Secular - Non religious

Solo - An Italian word used to describe playing/singing/performing on our own.

Structure/form/shape - How the sections (verses and choruses etc.) of a song are ordered to make the whole piece.

Style - The type of music e.g. blues or rock.

Style indicators - Identifiers that show us the genre of the music.

Syncopation - Music with lots of rhythmic variety, often quite difficult. The strong beats occur in unexpected places.

Tag - (Usually) a short ending, tagged on to the main part of the song.

Tempo - An Italian word used to describe how fast/slow the music goes.

Texture - Layers of sound in music.

Timbre - The quality and character of the sound.

urban contemporary - Modern music that uses elements of soul, hip hop, funk, jazz, R&B that appeals to young people.

Verse - A section in a song which has the same tune but different words.