Overview

What is a Ground Bass? Ensemble playing with 4 parts. Exploring the difference between hooks and riffs and their importance in rock and pop music. An exploration of our own British musical identity focusing on folk music. How when and why did rapping become popular? Western Classical Traditional part 2: Music from the classical era, the development of the orchestra and its instruments, exploring the reggae style of music and the popularity of musical theatre.



Subject Information

Year 8 Music

Term 3

Western Classical Tradition 2: Classical When was the classical era of music? Who are the main composers? How do their compositions differ from the baroque era? What compositional devices were popular in the classical era? What is an alberti bass? What do the instruments of the orchestra sound like?

ReggaeHow do I play music in a reggae style? Where did reggae music come from? Who is the most famous reggae artist? What is a skank?

Musical Theatre

Why is musical theatre popular? What musicals and their songs have I heard of? What are the different voice types? What are the different textures in music?

Term 1

Ground Bass

Who composed one of the first? Can we perform one in an ensemble of up to 4 parts? What is the structure of a ground bass? How do we know which notes to use to improvise over a ground bass? Are they used in pop songs?

Hooks and Riffs

What is a hook and a riff? What is the difference between them? Why are they so important in rock and pop music? Who first used them? Can I identify them in music? Can I play some?

Term 2

Folk Music

An exploration of our own British musical identity focusing on folk music. What can we learn of local folk lore? Can we tell our own stories through song? An opportunity for students to write their own songs and accompany themselves using the keyboard

Rap

Who were the first rappers? How did hip hop emerge? What is a turntable? Why would anyone want to scratch a record? How did rap develop through the 1980's and 1990's? How do you rap? Who is Eminem? How is he an inspiration to others?