

Scheme of Work

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UNIT: Chinese Music Term: 1 Year: 8

Focus:

Pupils will develop an awareness of Chinese music in relation to its social, cultural and historical context. Pupils will learn to perform and compose to a variety of stimuli in order to achieve their own examples of Chinese music. Show an awareness of all aspects studied through projects.

Key Vocabulary:

Pentatonic Ostinato Chord Tradition Festival

Specific Teaching:

- ♣ Identify Chinese instruments
- ♣ Listening appraisal
- ♣ Ensemble skills
- ♣ Composition skills
- ♣ Evaluate own performance
- ♣ Reading a melody
- ♣ Stylistic features of Chinese music
- ♣ Cultural and historical background

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Repertoire:

- ♣ The Four Seasons
- ♣ Music Matters
- ♣ The Yellow River
- ♣ Red Chopsticks

Resources:

- ♣ OHP's
- ♣ Instruments
- ♣ Worksheets
- ♣ Self Evaluation sheets

Activity Plan:

- ♣ Introduce Chinese Music and Culture
- ♣ Read Music of China worksheet
- ♣ Brainstorming session
- ♣ Listen to The Four Seasons and then learn to play
- ♣ Discuss the Pentatonic scale
- ♣ Compose own melody based on The Four Seasons
- ♣ Evaluate own compositions
- ♣ Study Chinese instruments and do listening tasks from Music Matters
- ♣ Written tasks about instruments
- ♣ Learn to play Yellow River and/or Red Chopsticks
- ♣ Produce individual project
- ♣ Compose own Chinese music using Pentatonic scale and an ostinato

Outcome:

All pupils:

Show awareness of cultural and social context of music through class work and project. Perform within a group and show a firm understanding of the Pentatonic scale. Perform a simple part within a group performance.

Most pupils:

Compose a stylish piece in a Pentatonic scale with some consideration for Chinese instruments. Produce a well thought through and presented project. Take a leading role in group composition.

Some pupils:

Perform confidently with style and awareness of others taking a leading role. Add an ostinato part to the composition. Show excellent understanding of topic through well produced work.

Assessment:

- ♣ Homework
- ♣ Project
- ♣ Composition
- ♣ Self Assessment