

1 – Listen and Appraise: Bringing Us Together (Disco)

Find the pulse as you are listening: Dance, clap, sway, march, be an animal or a pop star.

Instruments/voices you can hear. Keyboard, drums, bass, a female singer.

Do the words of the song tell a story? Does the music create a story in your imagination? What story?

2 – Musical Activities using glocks and/or recorders

Warm-up games play and copy back using up to 3 notes – C + A.

Bronze: no notes | Silver: C + A | Gold: C + A Challenge. *Which challenge did you get to?*

Singing in 2 parts.

Play instrumental parts with the song by ear and/or from notation using the easy or medium part. You will be using up to 3 notes – C, A + G.

Which part did you play?

Improvise using up to 2 notes – C + A.

Bronze: C | Silver: C, and sometimes A |

Gold: C + A challenge.

Which challenge did you get to?

Compose a simple melody using simple rhythms choosing from the notes C, A + G or C, D, E, G + A. (Pentatonic scale)

3 – Perform & Share

Decide how you going to perform this song. It tells an important story. Tell your audience how you learnt this song and why. Record the performance and talk about it afterwards.

The performance will include one or more of the following:

Improvisations • Instrumental performances • Compositions



About this Unit

Theme: This is a Disco song about friendship, peace, hope and unity.

Facts/Info: Disco music includes strong drum and bass lines. It has quite a fast tempo with a steady dance groove and energetic electric guitar lines. Disco first appeared in the 1970s in New York.

Listen to 5 other disco songs

- Good Times by Nile Rodgers
- Ain't Nobody by Chaka Khan
- We Are Family by Sister Sledge
- Ain't No Stopping Us Now by McFadden and Whitehead
- Car Wash by Rose Royce

Vocabulary: Keyboard, drums, bass, imagination, improvise, compose, disco, pentatonic scale, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture structure, hook, riff, melody

Reflection

What did you like best about this Unit? Why? Was there anything you didn't enjoy about it? Why?

Did you have any strong feelings about it? Were you proud of yourself, happy or annoyed?

What are the 'style indicators' of Disco music?

How do you know this is Disco music?