

Year 7 Curriculum Overview Plan: Music

Sequence of Lessons 1 Unit 1: African Drumming — Texture and keeping in time.	Sequence of Lessons 2 Keyboard skills and the Treble Clef.	Sequence of Lessons 3: Chords - C major	Sequence of Lessons 4: Bandlab - Using chords and drum beats.	Summer 2 UNIT 6: Scales - Composing and structuring a melody.
Key Theme: Assess students KS2 musical understanding. Students learn how to perform and compose rhythms through African Drumming. N.C 1,2	Key Theme: This unit uses knowledge from unit 1 to embed keyboard technique, rhythms and the treble clef. Students complete a range of keyboard exercises before performing their first song.	Key Theme: Students learn how to sing, play keyboard and guitar. The class will learn a range of chords and rhythms during this SOW. There will be a huge focus on techniques.	Key Theme: Students use their polyrhythm rhythm grid understanding from unit 1, keyboard skills from unit 2 and instrumentation from unit 3 to create a small piece of EDM music.	Key Theme: Learning about the importance of scale in both a Western context (major, minor) and Asia (pentatonic) and how these are underpinned by a strong musical tradition. Students
Instrument Technique Bass, tone, slap – Djembe.	N.C 1,3 Instrument Technique	N.C 1,3 Instrument Technique Keyboard technique- using correct 5 finger right hand position.	Vocal Work: Demonstrating textures through voice work: unison, polyphony, monophonic,	will compose a range of melodies using scales and structure these. Vocal Work:



Vocal Work:	Keyboard technique-	3 fingered chords in		Singing in both major
Warm-ups.	using correct 5 finger	left hand.	Listening	and minor keys.
Voice care.	right hand position.	Guitar technique – 3	Canon in D	
Call & Response		string chords with	Avicii Levels	Instrument
songs.		correct fingers.	Other EDM songs	Technique
	Vocal Work:		that may be suitable	Keyboard – major
Listening	Sight singing using	Vocal Work:	to the class.	and minor scale
A range of traditional	the treble clef.	Using unit 1 and 2		technique using
African drumming	Vocalising	vocal techniques to	Key Concepts,	under and over.
and vocal pieces.	assessment pieces	perform a range of	Knowledge & Skills	Drones in left hand.
African pop music –	Ode to Joy and O	pop melody lines in	to be Embedded:	Guitar – reading tab.
Yemi Alade.	When the Saints.	the key of C.		
		Performing 2 parts	Learn how to use a	Listening
	Listening	(bass lines and	sequencer, select	Traditional music of
Key Concepts,	Ode to Joy	melody).	and edit loops.	china.
Knowledge & Skills	Beethoven		Learn how to	A range of pieces
to be Embedded:	O When the Saints –	Listening	program drum, bass	from the Western
Learn note values.	James M Black.	Katy Perry – Roar –	and chord loops.	Classical Tradition.
Learn how to read,		Teenage Kicks – The		
compose and	Key Concepts,	Undertones	N.C 2,3,4,5,6	
perform rhythms.	Knowledge & Skills	RipTide – Vance Joy		
Play a djembe with	to be Embedded:	Bad Habits – Ed	Links to Prior	Key Concepts,
good technique.	Know the main	Sheeran	Learning:	Knowledge & Skills
Understand and	symbols used in		UNIT 1 2 3 - Students	to be Embedded:
compose using	notation.	Key Concepts,	use rhythms, their	Using structure
polyphony, unison	Continue to learn	Knowledge & Skills	understanding of	techniques, keyboard
and monophonic.	rhythmic values.	to be Embedded:	chords from unit 2	skills and ensemble
		Perform major triads	and musical texture	skills to build pieces
			from unit 3 to build a	of music.



Links to Prior	Laama harrita idamtifi.	in Consider on both		
	Learn how to identify	in C major on both	piece using	
Learning:	notes in the treble	keyboard and guitar.	technology.	
	clef.			
This is an opportunity	Be able to perform a			Links to Prior
for teachers to	melody using		Key Assessment	Learning:
evaluate students	excellent keyboard		Pieces:	
past learning	technique.	Links to Prior	1) Bandlab	This is an end of unit
allowing them to	Perform chords.	Learning:	recording.	topic that brings
suitably differentiate		UNIT 1 and 2	Technology	together all learning
their KS3 learning.	Links to Prior	Requires	quiz.	from the year.
Some students may	Learning:	understanding of		
already understand	UNIT 1 - Requires	keyboard technique		Key Assessment
rhythm, rhythmic	understanding of unit	and rhythm.	Tier 3 Vocabulary	Pieces:
values including	1 enabling students		Vault:	1) Composition
rests, ensemble skills,	to apply pitch to		MONOPHONIC,	of pentatonic
composition skills.	rhythms.	Key Assessment	MELODY AND	scale
This unit builds upon		Pieces:	ACCOMPANIMENT,	composition.
or creates rhythmic		1) Keyboard or guitar	UNISON, LOOP,	2) End of topic
foundations.	Key Assessment	performance	HOOK, RIFF,	assessment.
	Pieces:	demonstrating chord	DYNAMICS,	
Key Assessment	1)Keyboard	knowledge.	SYNCOPATION	
Pieces:	performance	2) Treble clef, rhythm		
Baseline Quiz	demonstrating treble	and chord knowledge	Reading Exposure:	Tier 3 Vocabulary
Baseline quiz.	clef knowledge.	quiz.	Reading guides and	Vault:
Singing.	2) Treble Clef Quiz		tutorials.	PENTATONIC SCALE,
African Drumming			Reading subtitles on	SCALE, RIFF, CHINESE
Quiz		Tier 3 Vocabulary	instructive videos.	INSTRUMENTS,
Rhythm Composition.	Tier 3 Vocabulary	Vault:		TERNARY FORM.
,	Vault:			



	TREBLE CLEF,	Chords, warm-ups,	Strategies to enable	RONDO FORM,
Tier 3 Vocabulary	keyboard technique,	breathing	new concepts,	BINARY FORM
Vault:	notation, RESTS,	techniques, rests, 1,2	knowledge & skills	
CANON,	chords.	and 4 beat notes,	to embed in long-	Reading Exposure:
POLYPHONIC,		crotchet, minim,	term memory:	Music of China
UNISON, RHYTHM,	Reading Exposure:	semi-breve.	Linked to G.C to	context.
RHYTHMIC VALUES	Exam questions.		allow home learning.	
	Reading rhythms.	Reading Exposure:	Students bring	
Reading Exposure:	Reading notation.	Exam questions.	knowledge of all 3	Strategies to enable
Exam questions.		Reading rhythms.	units and visualise	new concepts,
Reading rhythms.		Reading notation.	this using a	knowledge & skills
African drumming		Reading keywords.	sequencer.	to embed in long-
context.	Strategies to enable			term memory:
	new concepts,			Linking learning to
	knowledge & skills			prior units.
Strategies to enable	to embed in long-			DINS
new concepts,	term memory:			Recall DINS
knowledge & skills		Strategies to enable		Low stakes quiz
to embed in long-	To enable students to	new concepts,		
term memory:	be able to perform	knowledge & skills		
	with good technique	to embed in long-		
Year 7 begin with	and understand	term memory:		
rhythm to give them	treble clef notation			
a solid foundation on	through practical	Recapping unit 1 and		
which to build or	exposure, DINs, recall	2 knowledge through		
continue their	and the vocabulary	low stakes DINs and		
musical journey.	vault.	using key		
To embed rhythm,		terminology across		
note values enabling		the lessons.		



students to be able	Linking learning to	
to perform from	prior units.	
notation. To learn		
about structure and		
textures.		