Music
Year 2 – Autumn 2
Ho Ho Ho

Listen & Appraise: Ho Ho Ho (A fun song about Christmas)

Find the pulse as you are listening to the music:
- Move to the music and feel the groove.

Instruments/voices you can hear: Singers, keyboard, bass, guitar, percussion, trumpets and saxophones.
- Can you hear the different ones?

Musical Activities

using glockenspiels for the note playing

Find the pulse (beat)
- Can you march and find the pulse?
- Can you be rapper and find the pulse?

Clapping Rhythms
- Copy and clap back rhythms
- Clap the rhythm of your name
- Clap the rhythm of your favourite colour
- Make up your own rhythm

Pitch is high and low sounds. We add pitch to the pulse and rhythm when we sing and play an instrument.
Playing instruments using up to three notes – G or G, A and B.
Singing
- Rap and sing Ho Ho Ho
- Have fun!

Improvise using words

Perform & Share

A class performance.
- Introduce your performance to your audience.
- Can you include some funky moves?
- Have a fantastic time; enjoy it! Talk about it together afterwards.
- How did it make you feel?
- Will you record it?

Extra facts/information/things to try

Other relevant songs:
- Bring Him Back Home (Nelson Mandela) by Hugh Masekela (Freedom Song)
- Suspicious Minds by Elvis Presley (Pop)
- Sir Duke by Stevie Wonder (Funk)
- Fly Me To The Moon by Frank Sinatra (Big Band/Jazz)

Part of the song in 'Ho Ho Ho' is rapping about what the person wants from Santa.
Can you think of your own words to go with the rap – maybe what you want from Santa. 'I wanna get a…'

Musical Concepts

Pitch
Pitch is the sound of a single note in relation to other notes. Words which can describe the pitch include: high, low, treble, bass, sharp or flat.

Pulse and Rhythm
Pulse is the heartbeat or steady beat of a song/piece of music – what we tap or clap along to. Rhythm is the combination of long and short sounds to make patterns.

Year group and unit specific vocabulary

Pulse/beat - The heartbeat or steady beat of a song/piece of music – what we tap or clap along to.
Rhythm - The combination of long and short sounds to make patterns.
Pitch - The range of high and low sounds.
Tempo – An Italian word used to describe how fast/slow the music goes.
Dynamics – How loud or quiet the music is.
Melody – Another name for a tune.
Composing – Making/creating a piece of music or short musical phrase.
Improvise – Make up a tune or play it on the spot.
Audience – A group of people that listen to or watch a performance.
Rapping – Talking in a rhythm that is in time to the beat.