

Key Skills: there are 4 main skills developed throughout the Music curriculum: Listening and Appraisal, and Performance and Composition.

In developing these, which are an integral part of every lesson, the children are encouraged to talk about musical structure, instrumentation, genre, texture, pitch and dynamics, and to embed these concepts into their own compositions and performance.

Sequence of Learning

Knowledge Organiser – You've Got A Friend – Year 6, Unit 4

1 – Listen & Appraise: You've Got A Friend (The music of Carole King)

What style indicators can you hear?

Describe the structure?

What instruments/voices you can hear?

Describe the musical dimensions?

2 – Musical Activities using glocks and/or recorders

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

Bronze: A | Silver: A + G | Gold: A, G + E challenge.

Which challenge did you get to?

Singing in unison.

Play Instrumental parts with the song by ear and/or from notation using the easy or medium part. You will be using up to 4 notes – B, A + G and C, D, E + F.

Which part did you play?

Improvise using up to 3 notes – A, G + E.

Bronze: A | Silver: A + G | Gold: A, G + E challenge

Which challenge did you get to?

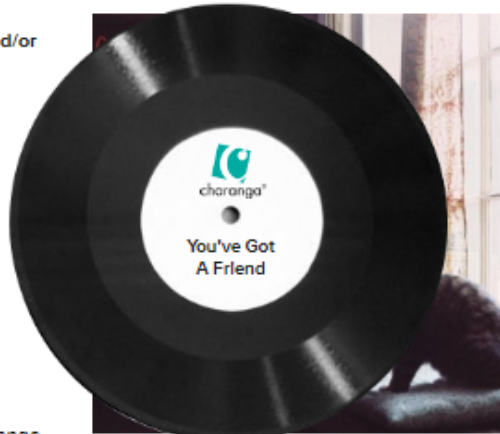
Compose a simple melody using simple rhythms choosing from the notes E, G + A or E, G, A, C + D.

3 – Perform & Share

Decide how your class will introduce the performance. Perhaps add some choreography? 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



Spring 2

About this Unit

Theme: The music of Carole King.

Facts/Info:

- You've Got A Friend was a song written by Carole King in 1971.
- It was first recorded by Carole and featured on her famous album, Tapestry.
- In the 1960s, Carole King was employed to write pop songs for artists to perform.

Listen to 5 other songs written by Carole King:

- The Loco-Motion sung by Little Eva
- One Fine Day sung by The Chiffons
- Up On The Roof sung by The Drifters
- Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow
- (You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman sung by Carole King

Vocabulary: Melody, compose, improvise, cover, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure, dimensions of music, hook, riff, solo, civil rights, gender equality, unison, harmony

Reflection

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

Do you have any strong thoughts or feelings you would to share about it?

Structure:

The skills are addressed in every lesson as part of a cycle - each lesson will explore different content within the genre, looking at similarities and differences between the pieces of music, as well as investigating the social and cultural background and history of the genre as appropriate. Each lesson involves some listening and appreciation, together with practical performance, which might include improvisation around or within a piece of music, or an original composition based on the music studied.