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Term	Main Enquiry Question	Sub Questions	Subject Specific Vocabulary	Linked Visits in / Visits out	Assessment will be based on a formative approach of children being able to answer the key questions using the knowledge acquired over the half term through a quiz-based approach.
Musical focus: Ballads	What is a ballad?	<p> What is a ballad? What is a ballad similar to? Poem What is a stanza? What is a chorus? Repeated section of music with the same tune and lyrics What are lyrics? To know that a ballad tells a story through song. To know that lyrics are the words of a song. To know that in a ballad, a 'stanza' is a verse. </p> <p> Additional questions What are the features of a ballad? Telling a story, chorus, rhyming What do we mean by summarise? Describe in a few words What is a story mountain? What is a verse? </p>	Ballad Ensemble Compose		
Musical Focus: Mountains	What is notation?	<p> What do the timbre of instruments affect? What is an ensemble? How do you know if you have played well? To understand that the timbre of instruments played affect the mood and style of a piece of music. To know that an ensemble is a group of musicians who perform together. To know that to perform well, it is important to listen to the other members of your ensemble. To know that notation is writing music down. </p>	Repeated pattern Notation Rhythm Influence Compose Ensemble		

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		<p><u>Additional questions that may be used</u></p> <p>What does the music make you think of? How does the music make you feel? Do you like the music? Why/Why not? What instruments/dynamics/layers can you hear? What could the story be about? What sounds can you hear? Where might you be? What do we call this type of music? (Soundscape – like a landscape but with sounds rather than sight.) What sort of sounds/music will we need to show what is happening in the film? How can we improve our work?</p>			
<p>Musical Focus: Vikings</p>	<p>What is notation?</p>	<p>What are a group of pitches in a song called? What is a crotchet What is a minim? What is a quaver? What does reading music mean? What does written music tell you?</p> <p>To know that the group of pitches in a song is called its ‘key’ and that a key decides whether a song sounds happy or sad. To know that different notes have different durations, and that crotchets are worth one whole beat. To understand that ‘reading’ music means using how the written note symbols look and their position to know what notes to play. To know that written music tells you how long to play a note for.</p> <p><u>Additional questions that could be used</u></p> <p>Who were the Vikings? What do you know about Vikings? What did we see in the video? What does ‘disciplined’ mean?</p>	<p>Composition Melody Notation Tempo Minim Crotchet Quaver</p>		

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		<p>What does 'coordinated' mean? What does 'disciplined' mean?</p>			
<p>Musical Focus: Chinese New Year</p>	<p>What is a pentatonic scale?</p>	<p>What is a pentatonic scale? (A scale made up of five notes) How many notes does a pentatonic scale have? (Five.) What does crescendo mean? Which notes are used in a pentatonic scale?</p> <p>To know that the word 'crescendo' means a sound getting gradually louder. To know that some traditional music around the world is based on five notes called a 'pentatonic' scale. To understand that a pentatonic melody uses only the five notes C D E G A.</p> <p><u>Additional questions that may be used</u> What is Chinese New Year? What happened in the story of Nian? What kind of music would we need to frighten Nian away? Is it only Chinese music that uses pentatonics? (No, lots of other cultures use the pentatonic scale, particularly in their folk music.)</p>	<p>Crescendo Tempo Duration Dynamics Timbre Pentatonic scale</p>		
<p>Musical Focus: Jazz</p>	<p>What is jazz music?</p>	<p>What is ragtime? (Early jazz piano music which uses syncopation and the off beat) What is the off beat? (The beat in between the normal beat of the music) What is syncopation? (Playing or emphasising the off beat) What is scat singing? (Using made-up words to create the sound of an instrument playing.) What is Jazz?</p> <p>To understand that 'syncopation' means a rhythm that is played off the natural beat.</p>	<p>Jazz Improvisation Off-beat Ragtime Swing music Syncopation Scat-singing</p>		

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<p>Musical Focus: India</p>	<p>What is a drone? What is a 'tal'? What is a rag?</p>	<p>What is a drone? What is a rag? What is the main rule of the rag? What is a tal? What does Indian music use?</p> <p>To know that Indian music uses all of the sounds in between the 12 'notes' that we are used to in western music. To know that a 'tala' is a set rhythm that is repeated over and over, usually on the drums called 'tabla'. To know that a 'rag' is the tune in traditional Indian music, and is often played on a stringed instrument called a 'sitar'.</p>	<p>Bollywood Rag Tabla Tala Drone Sitar Tanpura</p>		

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