

# Knowledge Organiser – Happy – Year 6, Unit 1

## 1 – Listen & Appraise: Happy (Pop/Neo Soul)

*What style indicators can you hear?*

*Describe the structure?*

*What instruments/voices can you 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 + B.

Bronze: A | Silver: A + G | Gold: A, G + B 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 – A, G + B.

*Which part did you play?*

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

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

*Which challenge did you get to?*

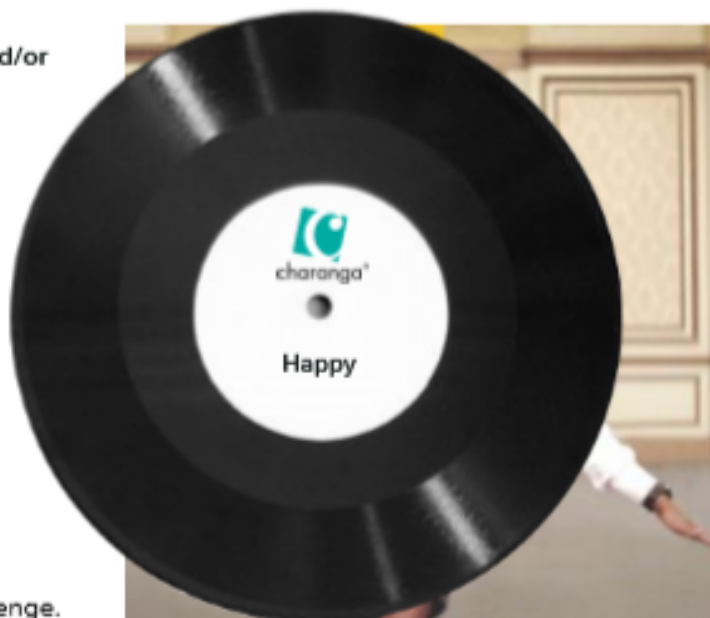
**Compose** a simple melody using simple rhythms choosing from the notes A, G + B or C, E, G, A + B.

## 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



## About this Unit

**Theme:** Being Happy!

**Facts/Info:**

- Happy is a song written, produced and performed by Pharrell Williams.
- Happy is a Pop song that has a Soul music sound and groove from the 1960s; very much like a Motown song.
- What else can you find out?

**Listen to five other songs in different styles. What are their styles?:**

- Top Of The World sung by The Carpenters
- Don't Worry, Be Happy sung by Bobby McFerrin
- Walking On Sunshine sung by Katrina And The Waves
- When You're Smiling sung by Frank Sinatra
- Love Will Save The Day sung by Brendan Reilly

**Vocabulary:** style indicators, melody, compose, improvise, cover, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure, dimensions of music, Neo Soul, producer, groove, Motown, hook, riff, solo.

## 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 like to share about it?*

# Knowledge Organiser – A New Year Carol – Year 6, Unit 3

## 1 – Listen & Appraise: A New Year Carol (The music of Benjamin Britten)

*What style indicators can you hear?*

*Describe the structure?*

*What instruments/voices can you hear?*

*Describe the musical dimensions?*

*Mood and story told?*

## 2 – Musical Activities using glocks and/or recorders

**Warm-up Games** - pulse, rhythm and pitch games:

- Learn to clap some of the the rhythms used in the song
- Learn some musical phrases that you will sing in the song

*Did you try the extension rhythm and pitch game?*

**Singing** in unison. Sing the song in its original style and the Urban Gospel version.

## 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.



## About this Unit

**Theme:** Benjamin Britten's music and cover versions.

**Listen to other songs by Britten and cover versions of them:**

- I Mun Be Married On Sunday
- Fishing Song

**Vocabulary:** Melody, compose, improvise, cover, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure, dimensions of music, ostinato, phrases, unison, Urban Gospel.

## 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 like to share about it?*

*What cover version are there of this song?*

# Knowledge Organiser – Classroom Jazz 2 – Year 6, Unit 2

## 1 – Listen & Appraise: Bacharach Anorak and Meet The Blues

*What style indicators can you hear?*

*Describe the structure?*

*What instruments/voices can you hear?*

*Describe the musical dimensions?*

## 2 – Musical Activities using glocks and/or recorders

**Play Instrumental parts** with the music by ear using the notes C, D, E, F, G, A, B + C.

And C, B  $\flat$ , G, F + C (Meet The Blues).

**Improvise** in Bacharach Anorak using the notes C, D, E, F, G, A, B + C.

**Improvise** in a Blues style using the notes C, B  $\flat$ , G, F + C.

*Did you do both? Which notes did you use?*

## 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



## About this Unit

**Themes:** Jazz, improvisation and composition.

### Facts/Info:

- Bacharach Anorak has a Latin American groove.
- Blues is a style of music originating in the deep south of America and is considered an ancestor of Jazz.

### Listen to four other pieces of music:

- Take The 'A' Train by Duke Ellington
- Speaking My Peace by H. Parlan
- Back O'Town Blues by Earl Hines
- One O'Clock Jump by Count Basie

**Vocabulary:** Blues, Jazz, improvisation, by ear, melody, compose, improvise, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure, dimensions of music, hook, riff, solo.

## 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 like to share about it?*

*Can you find out more about these styles of music?*

