

SHAROW AND SKELTON CE SCHOOL
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MUSIC

Year 4

Vocabulary









Musical terms you need to revisit

Bass	An instrument that has a lower range of notes than other instruments of its kind.	Pulse	Repeated beats.
Compose	Write or create a piece of music.	Pitch	High and low sounds.
Dynamics	How loudly or quietly parts of the music are played.	Perform	When you sing/ dance/ play instruments in front of people.
Improvise	Make up the music as you go along.	Rhythm	The placement of sounds in time.
Melody	Melody is the main tune and it can be sung or played by any instrument	Tempo	How fast or slow the music is.
chorus	A Chorus is the part of your song where all of your instruments, singers or musical elements come together to play and/or sing in unison. It's also the part of your song where you encourage your listeners to sing along	riff	A segment of a song that puts emphasis on a certain instrument by using a distinctive sound.
hook	A musical idea to catch the ear of the listener.	structure	Song structure refers to how a song is organized, using a combination of different sections. A typical song structure includes a verse, chorus, and bridge in the following arrangement: intro, verse — chorus — verse — chorus — bridge — chorus — outro.
introduction	A short section of music which comes before the main part of the song.	Texture	Texture describes how layers of sound within a piece of music interact. Imagine that a piece of spaghetti is a melody line, the whole song is a bowl of spaghetti with all the parts intermingled.
Pentatonic scale	A musical scale which has 5 notes per octave.	verse	Each song verse can be used to tell its own story

New musical terms you need to know

Bridge	A contrasting section that prepares for the return of the original material section	Rhythm patterns	Rhythms in music are made up of short phrases that combine to make longer phrases, much like a spoken language.
By ear	Without reference to written or printed music. Playing instruments simply by listening and repeating.		
choreography	The art of arranging a dance.	solo	Music composition written for one singer or one instrument.
Musical style	An expressive form of music.	unison	"together, at the same time" or "at the same musical pitch"

Instruments you need to know

	Acoustic guitar A guitar that does not require electrical amplification, having a hollow body that amplifies the string vibrations		organ A large musical instrument having rows of pipes supplied with air from bellows (now usually electrically powered), and played using a keyboard or by an automatic mechanism.
	Electric Bass Guitar Electric Guitar, usually with four heavy strings tuned E 1 -A 1 -D 2 -G 2 .		Piano A piano is a large musical instrument with a row of black and white keys . When you press these keys with your fingers, little hammers hit wire strings inside the piano which vibrate to produce musical notes
	Drum A drum is a musical instrument consisting of a skin stretched tightly over a round frame. You play a drum by beating it with sticks or with your hands		Synthesizer An electronic musical instrument, typically operated by a keyboard, producing a wide variety of sounds by generating and combining signals of different frequencies.
	Glockenspiel a musical percussion instrument having a set of tuned metal pieces mounted in a frame and struck with small hammers		Backing Vocals Singers who provide vocal harmony with the lead vocalist or other backing vocalists.

Styles of music you may listen to

