

In music we are learning to sing...



# Fresh Prince of Bel Air

## Key vocabulary

- **Lyrics** - The words of a song
- **Backbeat** - Beats 2 and 4 in a drum-line or if we are clapping along with the music.
- **Choreography** - The arrangement of sounds
- **Unison** - Everyone sings or plays at the same time
- **Bridge** - The contrasting section that leads back to the main part
- **Texture** - The layers of sounds in a piece of music
- **Structure** - How the different parts of the music are put together
- **Hook** - The catchy part of a song that we remember and sing
- **Riff** - A short repeated phrase often played on a main instrument
- **Solo** - An Italian name for singing or playing alone
- **Pulse** - The steady beat in a piece of music
- **Rhythm** - Short and longer sounds that are put together
- **Pitch** - How high or low a sound is
- **Improvise** - To make up a tune and play it on the spot
- **Compose** - To create and develop musical ideas and 'fix' them
- **Perform** - Singing and playing instruments for others to hear
- **Melody** - Another name for tune
- **Dynamics** - How quietly or loudly music is played
- **Tempo** - How fast or slow the music is played
- **Rapping** - A vocal technique in which the performer speaks rhythmically against a steady beat
- **Beatboxing**-is a form of vocal percussion primarily involving the art of mimicking drum machines, using one's mouth, lips, tongue, and voice
- **Funk**- music with strong bass lines and a heavy syncopated beat.
- **Timbre**- A musical dimension that describes the quality and character of the sound of the instruments used



## Instruments /sounds you

### Can hear:

- Loops
- Samples
- Decks
- Scratching
- Drums
- Bass
- Synthesizer
- rapper



## Aspirations

- Musician- pop star
- Music teacher
- Composer
- Lyricist
- DJ



## Sticky knowledge/Skills

### Musical Style: Old-School Hip Hop

- The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air was written and performed by Will Smith in 1990 for a television series of the same name.
- Hip Hop culture developed in the Bronx, New York, at the end of the 1970s.
- It featured graffiti, dancing and party music played by DJs on decks.
- Hip Hop can include rapping, beatboxing and scratching sounds using a DJ deck.
- Some Hip Hop songs are Me Myself and I by De La Soul, Ready or Not by Fugees, Rapper's Delight by The Sugarhill Gang, U Can't Touch This by MC Hammer, It's Like That by Run DMC.
- Finding the pulse- is when you can tap or clap to the steady beat
- Improvise- When a simple melody is made up and played on a musical instrument.
- Choreograph your performance so that there is movement and music to entertain the audience.
- I can sing The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air from memory with a strong internal pulse and talk about the style and structure of the piece.
- I can demonstrate and explain how pulse, rhythm and pitch connect in a song or piece of music.
- I can begin to understand the different ways of writing music down - e.g. staff notation, symbols.
- I can improvise with 3 notes or more.
- I can compose using up to five different notes and simple rhythms that work musically with the style of the Unit song.



## Characteristics needed

### for this topic:

- Creativity
- Imagination
- Listening and communication
- Concentration



## Links to previous learning

Appraising music  
Singing and performing a song from memory  
Finding the pulse in a song  
Playing the glockenspiel  
Improvising using up to 3 Notes  
Beginning to look at simple notation

