



St Leo's and Southmead
Catholic Nursery and Primary
School

Year
Four

Music Knowledge Organiser

Autumn
Term 1

Amazing Activities

Play ABBA song on vinyl
on old record player

Key Concepts

Key questions:

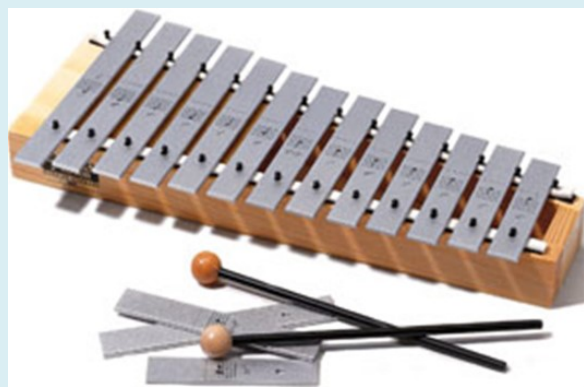
- Do you like the song?
- What can you hear?
- What is the style of the music?
- How is the song put together?

Structure of activities:

- Warm-up Games
- Flexible Games (optional)
- Sing the song Mamma Mia
- Play instrumental parts
- Improvise option (optional extension activities for improvisation)
- Play your composition(s) within the song

Songs to listen to:

- Mama Mia
- Dancing Queen
- The winner takes it all
- Waterloo
- Super Trouper
- Thankyou for the music



Mama Mia

Challenge: Play or improvise instrumental parts within the song for the end-of-unit performance



This timeless pop song is from ABBA's third album, *ABBA*, released in 1975. The song's name is derived from Italian where it is used in situations of surprise. It literally translates to "My mother".

ABBA was a Swedish pop group formed in 1972. They became one of the most commercially successful acts in the history of popular music, topping the charts worldwide from 1972 to 1982.

Curriculum Links

- Literacy Link:** Opportunities for the children to use books and websites to research the band.
- Geography Link:** Locate Sweden on the map. Note that it is in the continent of Europe. Look at the city.

Skills

- Sing and play with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression
- Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes
- Listen with attention to detail
- Recall sounds with increasing aural memory
- Understand staff and other musical notations
- Appreciate and understand a wide range of high quality music

Key Vocabulary

pop	popular music—music that is in the charts
vocal	part of a piece of music that is sung
instrumental	part of the song performed with instruments
appraise	assess the quality of the music
dynamics	the varying levels of volume of sound in different parts of a musical performance
hook	a short catchy phrase to catch attention
texture	how the tempo, melodic, and harmonic materials are combined in a composition,
tempo	the speed at which music is played
glockenspiel	percussion instrument having a set of tuned metal pieces

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