



**MUSIC
SUMMER 1
KNOWLEDGE
ORGANISERS**

Y5 Music Knowledge Organiser
Topic 6 - Britain since 1930



We will explore musical styles during the 1930s and 1940s and focus particularly on music popular during the Second World War. We will examine the melodies of WW2 songs and the way they move step by step and in leaps. We will investigate the **chromatic scale** and how it can be used to recreate the sound of the sirens. Finally, we will have the opportunity to listen to and perform a range of well-known songs and **Swing Music**.



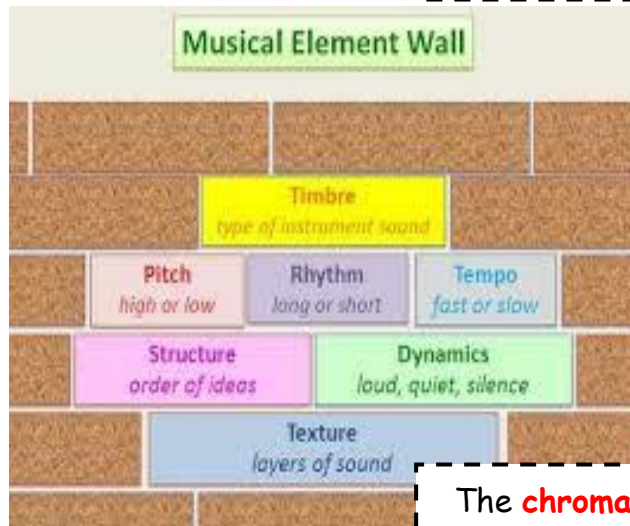
Dame Vera Lynn was a famous singer whose songs help to raise morale during WW2.



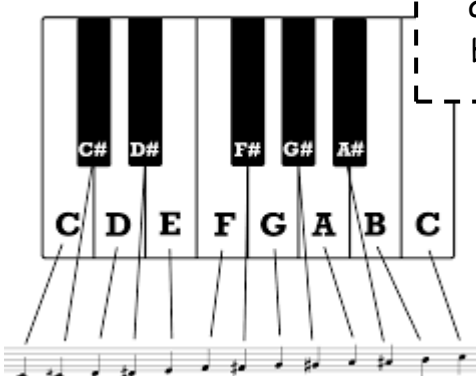
Swing Music came from the United States and was a popular form of music to dance to.

Key Words:

Swing chromatic scale steps
 leaps sirens black notes
 melody theme and variations
 Big Band Music soundscape
 Graphic score musical elements



The **chromatic scale** of C uses all the white and black notes between one C and the next.



Rat-a-tat

Machine Gun Fire	
Explosions	
Marching Feet	
Air Raid Siren	

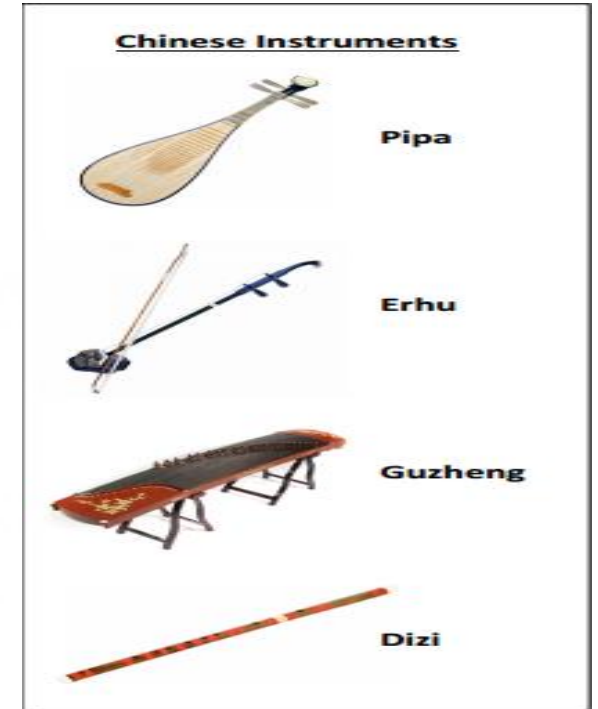
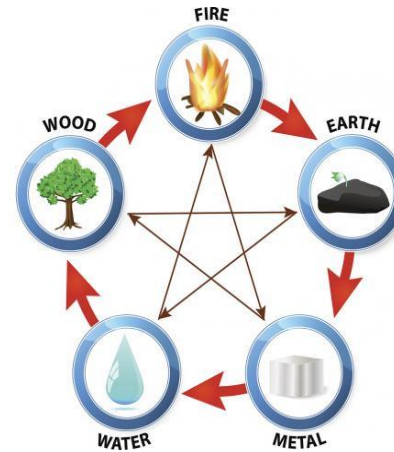
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Topic 5 - Chinese Music (pentatonic scale)

Overview:

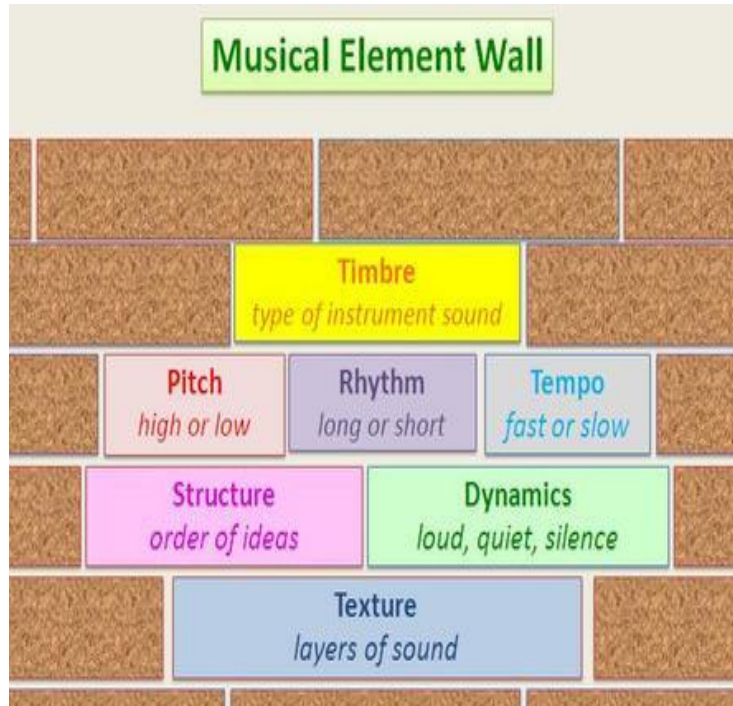
Pupils will investigate musical traditions from China; the 5 key elements (wind, earth, water, metal, fire) and how these can be represented through melody and timbre. Pupils will understand and experiment with the 5 note pentatonic scale and create their own Chinese inspired compositions.



Key Vocabulary:

pentatonic scale pitch ascending descending

timbre elements inspiration opera



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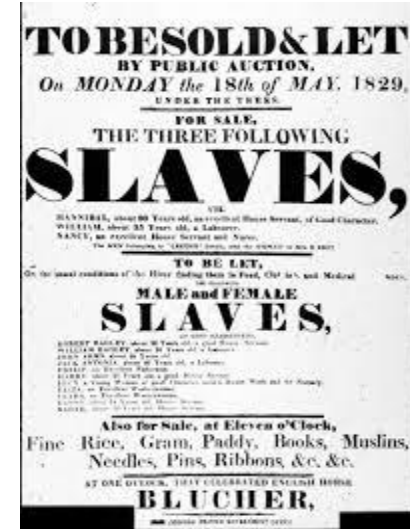
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Topic 5 - The African American Influence



Overview:

Pupils will develop an understanding of the influence that black people have had on western music. They will listen to extracts of blues, jazz, rock n roll, reggae and hip hop music and celebrate the lives of some great musicians. Pupils will have the opportunity to perform short extracts from each genre, making comparisons to their own favourite musical styles.



Influential musicians:

Jazz:

Dizzy Gillespie
Charlie Parker

Blues:

Muddy Waters
BB King

Rock and Roll:

Chuck Berry
Little Richard

Reggae:

Bob Marley
Gregory Isaacs

Hip-Hop:

Kanye West
Nicki Minaj



12 Bar Blues Chord Progression

