



Year Six Spring Term - A New Year Carol



Three key questions

What are the style indicators in this piece of music?

What is the structure of this piece of music?

What is the story is told in this composition?

VOCABULARY		FAMOUS MUSICIANS			KEY FACTS	
Style indicators	The style indicators of different songs (musical characteristics that give the songs their style).	Week	Musician	Song/Composition	Benjamin Britten	Benjamin Britten was a British composer, born in 1913 and died in 1976. Many composers in the twentieth century wrote music that was very complicated to listen to and required many highly skilled musicians to play and sing it. Benjamin Britten wrote music for everyone, he even said so himself. He wanted his 'music to be of use to people, to please them, to enhance their lives'. People enjoy his music so much that he is now the most-performed British composer in the world.
Structure		1	Anon	L'autrier Pastoure Seoit (The Other Day A Shepherdess Was Sitting)		
		2	Francesca Caccini	'Romanesca', Instrumental (Il primo libro delle Musiche)		
		3	Ludwig Van Beethoven	Fur Elise		
		4	Clara Schumann	Piano Concerto in A minor, Op. 7		
		5	Sergei Prokofiev	Montagues And Capulets from Romeo And Juliet		
		6	Jessie Montgomery	Rhapsody No.1		
		7	Mamadou Diabaté	Balafon		
		8	Nimrat Khaira	Dubai Wale Shaikh		
		9	Jesper Lundfaard	Speaking My Peace		
		10	M.I.A	Paper planes		
		11	John Woolrich	The Devil and the Ploughman		
		12	ACM Gospel Choir	Lean on Me		
		13	MC Hammer	You Can't Touch This		
		14	Luis Fonsi	Despacito	What is the story behind the song?	He wrote music of all kinds and travelled all around the world performing it as a pianist and conductor. He was so famous that the BBC devoted a whole programme to him for his 50th birthday and he was the first musician in history to be made a Lord by the Queen. When he died he left behind more than a thousand pieces of extraordinary music and the fascinating story of a journey from Suffolk schoolboy to great composer.
				How does the music make the story more interesting?	A New Year Carol is a British folk song originating in Wales, and it is also known as Levy Dew. This carol was traditionally sung at New Year and is associated with New Year customs, not Christmas. The song celebrates the New Year using a combination of folk stories and religious ideas.	
					The piano accompaniment supports the vocal line: the melody (tune) is smooth and lyrical. The verses are calm and peaceful, telling us about the in-coming new year, and interestingly 5 notes are used. The chorus is louder and reaches a climax with a wider range of notes and more leaps than steps in the melody line.	

I know...

how to clap a variety of rhythms

the lyrics in the song, (so I can perform confidently in unison.

How to use style indicators/dimensions of music to describe a piece of music and how they contribute to the meaning and mood of a song.

what structure is and can recognise it in different pieces of music.