



Primary - Planning

Pentatonic Songs from Around the World:

Exploring Pentatonic Scales and Pentatonic Songs

Year 3

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1.	All children will learn to sing a pentatonic song.	Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (African American Spiritual)	➤ Sing 'Tinga Layo'. ➤ Learn about pentatonic scales and pentatonic songs. ➤ Listen and compare two different versions of 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot'. ➤ Learn to sing 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot'. ➤ Learn the actions for 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot' and sing as a round. ➤ Play 'Don't Play This One Back!'	➤ All children will learn to sing a pentatonic song. ➤ Most children will be able to sing a pentatonic song with actions in a round. ➤ Some children will be able to explain that pentatonic means five notes.	➤ Lesson PowerPoint ➤ 'Tinga Layo' Video (PP Slide 5) ➤ 'Tinga Layo' Lyrics and Audio (PP Slide 6) ➤ Introducing the Unit Theme of Pentatonic Scales and Pentatonic Songs (PP Slides 7-10) ➤ 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot' Background Information (PP Slide 11) ➤ 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot' Video Performance 1 (PP Slide 12) ➤ 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot' Video Performance 2 (PP Slide 13) ➤ Listening Log (PP Slide 14) See Lesson 1 Printable Resources ➤ 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot' Lyrics (PP Slide 15) ➤ 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot' Actions Video (PP Slide 16) ➤ 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot' Round Video (PP Slide 17) ➤ Don't Play This One Back! (PP Slide 18)
2.	All children will learn to sing and arrange a pentatonic song.	Oh! Susannah! (American Western Music)	➤ Recap pentatonic scales and pentatonic songs. ➤ Sing 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot' with the actions as a round. ➤ Watch a performance of 'Oh! Susannah!' and discuss it. ➤ Learn to sing 'Oh! Susannah!' ➤ 'Play in the Gap' improvisation activity.	➤ All children will learn to sing a pentatonic song. ➤ Most children will be able to sing a pentatonic song, altering the dynamics between the verse and the chorus. ➤ Some children will be able to explain that pentatonic means five notes; put forward ideas for their class arrangement.	➤ Lesson PowerPoint ➤ Recapping the Unit Theme of Pentatonic Scales and Pentatonic Songs (PP Slides 5-8) ➤ 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot' Lyrics (PP Slide 9) ➤ 'Oh! Susannah!' Background Information (PP Slide 10) ➤ 'Oh! Susannah!' Video Performance (PP Slide 11) ➤ Listening Log (PP Slide 12) See Lesson 2 Printable Resources ➤ 'Oh! Susannah!' Lyrics and Backing Track (PP Slide 13) ➤ Untuned Percussion Instruments ➤ Glockenspiels and Beaters ➤ Play in the Gap Rhythm, Audio and Glockenspiel Notation (PP Slides 14-15)



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3.	All children will accompany a song using notes from the pentatonic scale.	This Train is Bound for Glory (Gospel)	➤ Recap pentatonic scales and pentatonic songs. ➤ Sing 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot' with the actions as a round/'Oh! Susannah!' ➤ Watch and discuss a performance of 'This Train is Bound for Glory'. ➤ Learn to sing and play 'Old MacDonald had a Glock' on the glockenspiel. ➤ 'Play in the Gap' improvisation activity.	➤ All children will learn to sing a pentatonic song and play an accompaniment on the glockenspiel with some accuracy. ➤ Most children will be able to sing a pentatonic song and play an accompaniment on the glockenspiel accurately. ➤ Some children will be able to explain that pentatonic means five notes; work out a well-known pentatonic melody.	➤ Lesson PowerPoint ➤ Recapping the Unit Theme of Pentatonic Scales and Pentatonic Songs (PP Slides 5-8) ➤ 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot' Lyrics (PP Slide 9) ➤ 'Oh! Susannah!' Lyrics and Backing Track (PP Slide 10) ➤ 'This Train is Bound for Glory' Background Information (PP Slides 11-12) ➤ Mumford and Sons - This Train is Bound for Glory (PP Slide 13) ➤ Listening Log (PP Slide 14) See Lesson 3 Printable Resources ➤ Map of the World (PP Slide 15) ➤ 'Old MacDonald had a Farm' Video (PP Slide 16) ➤ 'Old MacDonald had a Farm' Audio and Pictures (PP Slide 17) ➤ 'Old MacDonald had a Glock' Lyrics and Audio (PP Slides 18-19) ➤ Untuned Percussion Instruments ➤ Glockenspiels and Beaters ➤ Play in the Gap Rhythm, Audio and Glockenspiel Notation (PP Slides 20-21)



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4.	All children will create an accompaniment for a song using notes from the pentatonic scale.	Fisherman's Song at Dusk (Traditional Chinese Music)	➤ Recap pentatonic scales and pentatonic songs. ➤ Listen to and discuss a piece of traditional Chinese classical music which uses the pentatonic scale. ➤ Learn to sing 'What You Got?' ➤ Create and perform an accompaniment to 'What You Got', working in groups to do so.	➤ All children will learn to sing a pentatonic song; perform an accompaniment for this song with some accuracy. ➤ Most children will perform their accompaniments mostly accurately; offer up some compositional suggestions. ➤ Some children will take a leadership role within the group; demonstrate and explain why certain compositional ideas might work.	➤ Lesson PowerPoint ➤ Recapping the Unit Theme of Pentatonic Scales and Pentatonic Songs (PP Slide 5) ➤ 'Fisherman's Song at Dusk' Background Information (PP Slides 6, 8-9) ➤ The Zither (PP Slides 6-7) ➤ Fisherman's Song at Dusk (PP Slide 10) ➤ 'Fisherman's Song at Dusk' Questioning Prompts (PP Slide 11) ➤ Listening Log (PP Slide 12) <i>See Lesson 4 Printable Resources</i> ➤ 'What You Got?' Lyrics and Audio (PP Slide 13) ➤ C Major Pentatonic Scale (PP Slide 14-15) ➤ Untuned Percussion Instruments ➤ Glockenspiels and Beaters ➤ Final Performances (PP Slide 16)



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5.	All children will create a 4 bar composition using notes from the pentatonic scale.	Let It Be by the Beatles (Pop Song)	➤ Recap pentatonic scales and pentatonic songs. ➤ Sing 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot' with the actions as a round/'Oh! Susannah!' ➤ Watch and discuss a performance of 'Let It Be' by the Beatles, focussing on the pentatonic solo on the electric guitar. ➤ Children should work in pairs to create and perform a 4 bar pentatonic composition on the glockenspiel.	➤ All children will work as a team to create a 4 bar composition using dot notation. ➤ Most children will be able to offer up ideas for a composition and perform it with some accuracy. ➤ Some children will be able to demonstrate and explain why certain compositional ideas should be included; perform their composition accurately.	➤ Lesson PowerPoint ➤ Recapping the Unit Theme of Pentatonic Scales and Pentatonic Songs (PP Slides 5-8) ➤ 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot' Lyrics (PP Slide 9) ➤ 'Oh! Susannah!' Lyrics and Backing Track (PP Slide 10) ➤ The Beatles - Background Information (PP Slides 11-13) ➤ George Harrison and Pentatonic Guitar Solos (PP Slide 14) ➤ The Beatles – Let It Be (PP Slide 15) ➤ Listening Log (PP Slide 16) See Lesson 5 Printable Resources ➤ 4 Bar Dot Melody (PP Slide 17) ➤ Glockenspiel/Pentatonic Scale Diagram (PP Slide 18) ➤ Dot Notation Composition Frames (PP Slides 19-22) See Lesson 5 Printable Resources ➤ How to Hold a Beater Reminders (PP Slides 23-24) ➤ Glockenspiels and Beaters ➤ Pair Performances (PP Slide 25)



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6.	All children will learn to sing and accompany a pentatonic song.	Hey Brother by Avicii (Dance Music)	➤ Recap pentatonic scales and pentatonic songs. ➤ Sing 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot' with the actions as a round/'Oh! Susannah!' ➤ Watch and discuss a performance of 'Hey Brother' by Avicii, focussing on the pentatonic nature of the melody. ➤ Children should learn to sing and accompany 'Hey Brother' on the glockenspiel.	➤ All children will learn to sing a pentatonic song; accompany a pentatonic song with some accuracy. ➤ Most children will be able to explain that pentatonic means five notes; accompany a pentatonic song either on tuned or untuned percussion. ➤ Some children will be able to sing with dynamics and control and accuracy.	➤ Lesson PowerPoint ➤ Recapping the Unit Theme of Pentatonic Scales and Pentatonic Songs (PP Slides 5-8) ➤ Pentatonic Warm Up Video (PP Slide 9) ➤ Avicii - Background Information (PP Slide 10) ➤ Map of the World (PP Slide 11) ➤ Avicii – Hey Brother (PP Slide 12) ➤ Listening Log (PP Slide 13) See Lesson 6 Printable Resources ➤ 'Hey Brother' Verses 1-3 and Chorus Lyrics and Audio (PP Slides 14-17) ➤ 'Hey Brother' Lyrics Video (PP Slides 18, 23) ➤ Glockenspiel Diagram/Motif (PP Slides 19-20) ➤ How to Hold a Beater Reminders (PP Slides 21-22) ➤ Glockenspiels and Beaters ➤ Untuned Percussion Instruments ➤ Pupil Self-Assessment Forms (PP Slide 24) See Year 3, Unit 4 Folder ➤ Next Unit's Knowledge Organisers (PP Slides 26-28)