



Key Vocabulary

ballad	A song which tells a story.
chorus	Repeated sections of music in a song that have the same music and lyrics.
compose	To create an original piece of music.
dynamics	How loud or quiet a piece of music is.
emotions	A strong feeling.
stanza	A short section of text - sometimes known as a verse in poems.
melody	An arrangement of notes to form a tune.

Key Skills

- Discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary.
- Describing the timbre, dynamic, and textural details of a piece of music, both verbally, and through movement.
- Beginning to use musical vocabulary (related to the inter-dimensions of music) when discussing improvements to their own and others' work.
- Composing a piece of music in a given style with voices and instruments.
- Singing songs in a variety of musical styles with accuracy and control, demonstrating developing vocal technique.
- Singing and playing in time with peers, with some degree of accuracy and awareness of their part in the group performance.

Music Year 3 Autumn 1 Ballads

Ballads are songs which tell a story. They can be in many styles, such as pop and musical theatre and were used in ancient times to carry news and legends across countries.



Ballads tell a story and usually have a similar structure to stories.



OPENING - Describes the setting, introduces the characters.

BUILD UP - Excitement and tension grows, gives emotion.

CLIMAX - Major dilemma.

RESOLUTION - Characters find a route through their difficulties.

ENDING - Happily ever after.

Key Questions

- What is a ballad?
- What are the key features of a ballad?
- What do I need to consider when performing in a group?
- What is a story mountain?

Links to other Learning

- EYFS - Musical stories
- Year 1 - Structure
- Year 2 - Structure
- Year 4 - Haiku music and performance
- Year 5 - Composition to represent the festival of colour.
- Year 6 - Film music

Links to other Subjects

- English - Narrative and poetry
- PHSE - working with others