Year 3 Music Unit 1 Pulse

What should I already know?

- That ostinatos are repeating patterns
- That I can perform rhythms, layering them and combining them
- That the **pulse** is the regular 'heartbeat' of a piece of music

Key knowledge



• We can use cups to play music!

Location

- Pulse and rhythm can be played on just about anything even body percussion
- Team work is very important to play pulse and rhythm successfully
- Listening skills are key when trying to work out the rhythm and beat of a song
- The pulse of a song must not speed up or slow down
- When playing in groups or rounds, we must keep the pace steady even if the rhythms are different
- When performing together, everyone needs to know when to start and when to stop
- A conductor or key player is a good idea for keeping everyone in time with each other



Key Vocabulary

Drone - A constant low note

Internalising words- To hear the words in their heads without saying them out loud.

Ostinato – A repeated musical phrase or rhythm.

Pulse - the regular 'heartbeat' of a piece, holding the core timing together in a piece of music.

Rest - Rests can be put in place of a note, signalling a pause.

Round - a phrase/song with each group starting at staggered times