

Music - Abba – Mama Mia

Abba's timeless pop hit 'Mama Mia'

Background information

Abba are a famous pop group who were formed in Sweden in 1972, and found international fame following their winning performance at the Eurovision Song Contest in 1974. Their hits include Waterloo, The Winner Takes It All, Dancing Queen, Super Trouper, Thank You For The Music and Mama Mia (which we will be studying in the greatest depth). They have recently released a brand new song – why not check it out!

Knowledge and Understanding

In this unit pupils will learn...

- To use the pulse of music to maintain a steady rhythm
- To listen and appraise Abba's version of Mama Mia
- To sing the song vocally
- To perform the song using musical instruments
- To compare and discuss other tracks by the same group
- To improvise and compose their own music based on the original song

Key Vocabulary:

Pulse – the beat within music that determines the speed of the piece

Pace – the speed of a piece of music

Pitch – how high or low a note is played

Rhythm – a regular repeated pattern of sound

Compose – create music

Improvise – make music spontaneously without planning

Appraise – assess the value and quality of a piece of music

Enquiry skills and Key concepts

- To play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression
- To improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music
- To listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory
- To use and understand staff and other musical notations
- To appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians
- To develop an understanding of the history of music