

Music Year 8		Term 2
Reggae Music	<p>Key musicians to listen to: Bob Marley UB40 Sean Kingston</p> 	
Reggae Music facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Jamaica • Many Reggae Artists sing about the struggles of black people in history, the slave trade, the oppression in America where Blacks were separated from Whites. • Bob Marley is said to have claimed that the word <i>reggae</i> came from a Spanish term for "the king's music" • Rastafarianism plays a big part in reggae music. They believe that you are nearer to god if you are black. They believe that the first black king of Ethiopia was a prophet sent from Jesus. • The colours of the Rastafarian flag (Ethiopian flag as well), Red, Green, Gold and Black are used to represent the blood shed by black people, the represents the wealth of the homeland (Africa), Green represents the beauty of Ethiopian land and black represents the colour of their skin. 	
Lyrics	<p>Lyrics are often about the struggles of Black people including slavery and oppression.</p> <p><i>Buffalo Soldier</i> <i>Dreadlocked Rasta</i> <i>Stolen from Africa</i> <i>Brought to America</i></p>	
Syncopation	<p>Offbeat. Emphasis on beats 2 and 4. 1 <u>2</u> 3 <u>4</u></p>	
Melodic Hook and bass riff	<p>A catchy tune played at the beginning to hook the listener in. A catchy bass riff often using <u>dotted rhythms.</u></p> 	
Key instruments	<p>Bass Guitar playing the bass riff. Hammond organ playing off beat chords and sometimes the melodic hook. Drum beat emphasising the syncopated, offbeat rhythms. Vocals, often solo with groups of voices singing harmonies in the chorus.</p>	

Year 8 Knowledge organiser 2.

African Music

African Instruments



Shekere



Talking Drum



Djembe



Gankogui



Kora

Pentatonic Scale

Uses only 5 notes but can use different pitches



Key words	Definitions
Introduction	The beginning section of a song
Repetitions	Repeating something over and over again
Rhythmic	The rhythm section
Melodic	The tune section
Call and Response	Question and answers
Improvisation	To make something up on the spot.
Pentatonic scale	A musical scale which uses 5 notes
Cyclic Pattern	A rhythm that repeats over and over again

How to play the Djembe



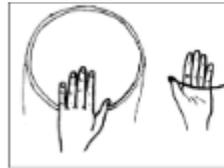
Bass is played in the middle in the Djembe with your fingers closed

'Gun'



Tone is played on the edge of the Djembe with your fingers closed

'Go Do'



Slap is played near the edge of the Djembe with your fingers relaxed and open.

'Pa'

Djembe 1



Djembe 2



You will learn a song called Siyahamba

Lyrics: Si-ya hamb e ku-kha-nye-ni-kwen-kos

Pronunciation: See Ya Ham ba air cook-ka nair-knee-kwen-cos

