



Knowledge Organiser Key Stage 3

Subject : Music Year: 7 Topic Title: Reggae



Reggae Lesson 1

Key Facts from this lesson

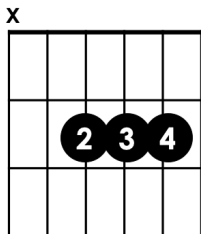
- Reggae is a style of music originating in Jamaica in the 1960's. It is a combination of traditional Jamaican music styles such as *mento* and American music styles such as jazz and *rhythm and blues*.
- The most famous reggae musician is Bob Marley, who composed the song we will be learning this term.
- Features of reggae are slow tempo, a prominent bassline, off-beat chords and the use of a drum rhythm called *one drop*.

Key words and definitions from this lesson:

- ★ **Off-beats** – The spaces, or “ands” between each beat.
- ★ **One drop rhythm** – A drum rhythm in which the kick and snare are played at the same time.
- ★ **Skank rhythm** – A rhythm used in Reggae in which the chords are played on the off-beats.
- ★ **Sharp (#)** – The black key to the right of a named note, for instance G# is the black key to the right of G.

Diagrams to support with learning

Guitar



A

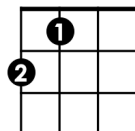
Keys



Bass

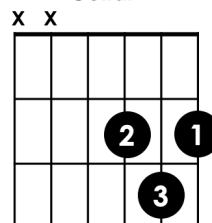
Second string
Open

Ukulele



D

Guitar



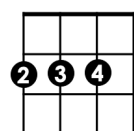
Keys



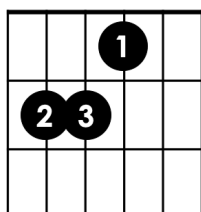
Bass

Second string
Fifth fret

Ukulele

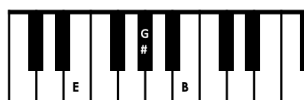


Guitar



E

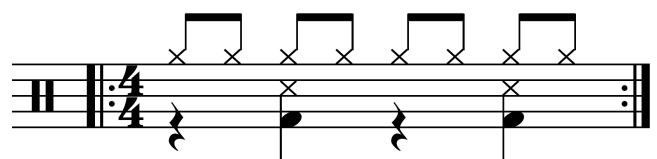
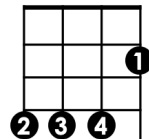
Keys



Bass

First string
Open

Ukulele





Reggae Lesson 2

Performance success criteria

- ★ The singers can be heard clearly
- ★ The guitars/keyboard/ukulele are playing on the off-beats
- ★ The bass is playing on beats one and two
- ★ The drums are playing the one drop rhythm
- ★ We are all playing at the same tempo and listening to each other
- ★ One band member counts in the performance and dictates the tempo

Diagrams to support with learning

[Intro]

A

[Chorus]

A

Don't worry, about a thing

D

A

Cause' every little thing, gonna be alright

A

Singin' don't worry, about a thing

D

A

Cause' every little thing, gonna be alright

[Verse]

A

Rise up this mornin'

E

Smile with the rising sun

A

D

Three little birds perch by my doorstep

A

Singin' sweet songs

E

Of melodies pure and true

D

A

Singin', this is my message to you-ou-ou

[Chorus]

A

Singin' don't worry, about a thing

D

A

Cause' every little thing, (is) gonna be alright

A

Singin' don't worry, (don't worry) about a thing

D

A

Cause' every little thing, gonna be alright