YEAR 8 CURRICULUM PLAN FOR MUSIC



TOPIC	KEY LEARNING	ASSESSMENT
The Blues	Pupils will learn about the slave trade and the impact that had on music. Pupils will learn to play the 12 Bar Blues chord sequence in the key of G major and add a walking bass line. Pupils improvise using the Blues scale. An introduction to the ukulele and how to play chords.	Audio Recordings Listening & Appraising Tests Written song lyrics showing their understanding.
Hooks & Riffs	Pupils learn to play a variety of riffs on the keyboard and ukulele and compose their own catchy riff. Pupils will develop their knowledge of how technology is used in music. Continue to develop their improvisation skills.	Audio Recordings Listening & Appraising tests
Variations & The Baroque Period	Pupils learn about the Baroque period (1600-1750) including the famous Baroque composers. Pupils learn to play the chord sequence from Pachelbel's Canon using 2 hands on the keyboard Pupils learn how to develop melodies and add mordents, passing notes and trills to their own melodies.	Audio Recordings Listening and Appraising Tests