UKS2 Knowledge Mat – Happy

1 – Listen & Appraise: Happy (Pop/Neo Soul)

Structure: Intro, verse 1, chorus, verse 2, chorus, bridge 1, bridge 2, chorus, chorus, bridge 2, chorus

Instruments/voices you can hear: A solo male voice and backing vocals. Keyboard, brass and drums. Clapping is used like another instrument.

Dynamics: Music is louder in chorus when all instruments are playing together.

2 – Musical Activities using instruments

Warm-up games play and copy back using up to 3 notes – A, G + B.

Singing in 2 parts.

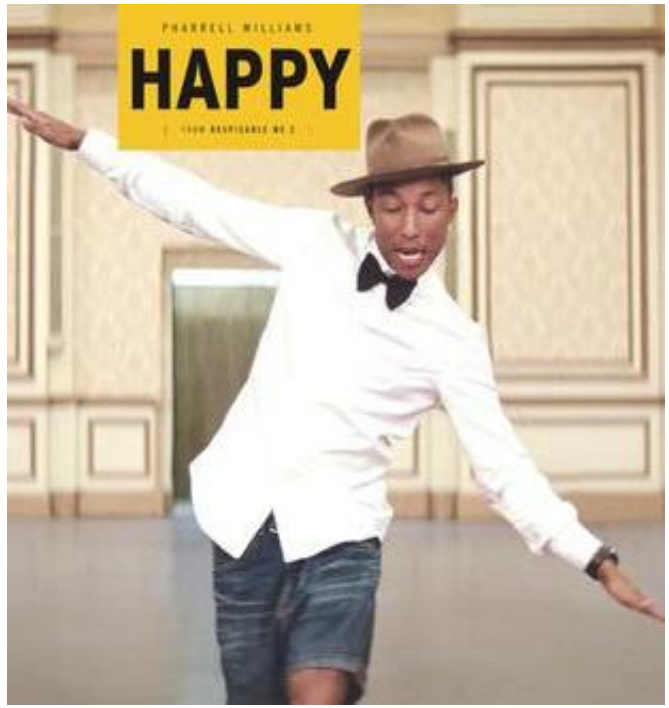
Play instrumental parts with the song by ear and/or from notation using the easy or medium part.

Improvise using up to 3 notes – D, E + F.

Compose a simple melody using simple rhythms.

Theme: Being happy!

Facts/info: Happy is a song written, produced and performed by Pharrell Williams. Happy is a Pop song that has a soul music sound and groove from the 1960s; very much like a Motown song.



Vocabulary

style indicators, melody, compose, improvise, cover, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure, dimensions of music, neo soul, producer, groove, Motown, hook, riff, solo

Listen to 5 other songs about being happy:

- Top Of The World sung by The Carpenters
- Don't Worry, Be Happy sung by Bobby McFerrin
- Walking On Sunshine sung by Katrina And The Waves
- When You're Smiling sung by Frank Sinatra
- Love Will Save The Day sung by Brendan Reilly

3 – Perform & Share

Decide how your class will introduce the performance. Perhaps add some choreography? Tell your audience how you learnt this song and why. Record the performance and talk about it afterwards.
The performance will include one or more of the following:
Improvisations • Instrumental performances • Compositions

Reflection

What did you like best about this Unit? Why?

Was there anything you didn't enjoy about it? Why?

Do you have any strong thoughts or feelings you would to share about it?