DEVELOPING A KNOWLEDGE-RICH SKILLS-BASED CURRICULUM

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WHAT IS MUSICAL KNOWLEDGE?

Knowledge ABOUT music
Knowledge HOW to music
Knowledge OF music
MUSICAL KNOWLEDGE & OFSTED

Theory
• Knowledge ABOUT music
• Knowledge HOW to music
• Knowledge OF music

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• DECLARATIVE Knowledge
• PROCEDURAL Knowledge
• TACIT Knowledge
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MUSIC’S DECLARATIVE KNOWLEDGE
Start with English terms before bringing in Italian terms

Start with extremes /opposites before bringing in gradations.

Introduce the concept musically first before you label it.

Understanding first, then reading / writing.
TEACHING STRATEGIES: PERFORMANCE DIRECTIONS

• Learn a piece of music to performance standard, observing all the performance directions

• Share the musical score with the children and ask them to highlight any signs and symbols they can see that are not part of the lyrics or the pitch/rhythm notation.

• Using their existing knowledge of the music, see if they can decode these – ‘t must mean loud because we sing loud there.’

• Introduce other relevant matching performance directions e.g. p, pp, mf to complete the ‘set’.

• Listen to music and ask children to hold up the relevant symbol when the music changes.

• In new performance pieces, identify the symbols and ask what it means we should do?

• Use the symbols when notating own creative work.
TEACHING STRATEGIES: PITCH

- Play 'Human Piano.'
- Use handsigns.
- Match short phrases to graphic or dot notation.
- Compose using letter notation and transfer this onto the stave using a guide.
- Cut up the score of a piece the children know well and ask them to put it back together in the right order.
- Guess the words to a known song by looking at the melody notation.
## Approaching Musicology

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REINFORCING DECLARATIVE KNOWLEDGE

• Worksheets & Spelling Tests
• Colouring sheets – https://www.classroomdoodles.com/music.html
• Make your own Wordle! - https://mywordle.me/
• Self assessment composing sheets
• Quizzes & tests - https://www.musictheory.net/
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