



Livin' On A Prayer

In this unit, the learning is focused around one song: Livin' On A Prayer. The material presents an integrated approach to music where games, the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing instruments are all linked. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other classic rock songs.

In this unit we will:**1 – Listen & Appraise: 'Livin' on a Prayer (Rock)**

- Identify the Structure - Intro, verse 1, bridge, chorus, intro, verse 2, bridge, chorus, guitar solo, bridge, chorus.
- Identify instruments and voices - Lead vocal, electric guitar, bass guitar, drums, keyboard.
- Find the Pulse - Is the tempo fast, slow or inbetween? Dynamics? Texture?

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2 – Musical Activities using glocks and/or recorders

- Warm-up games play and copy back using up to 3 notes – G, A + B. Bronze: G | Silver: G + A | Gold: G, A + B. challenge.
- Which challenge did you get to?
- Singing in unison.
- Play instrumental parts with the song by ear and/or from notation using the easy or medium part. You will be using G, A + B or D, E, F# + G
- Which part did you play?
- Improvise using up to 3 notes – G, A + B. Bronze: G | Silver: G + A | Gold: G, A + B challenge.
- Which challenge did you get to?
- Compose a simple melody using simple rhythms choosing from the notes G, A + B or G, A, B, D + E (Pentatonic Scale).

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

In this unit we will listen to 5 other songs:

- We Will Rock You by Queen
- Smoke On The Water by Deep Purple
- Rockin' All Over The World by Status Quo
- Johnny B. Goode by Chuck Berry
- I Saw Her Standing There by The Beatles

Inspiring Individuals

Queen



Deep Purple



Status Quo



Chuck Berry



The Beatles



Bon Jovi

Vocabulary

Rock, structure, pulse, rhythm, pitch, bridge, backbeat, amplifier, tempo, texture, dynamics, chorus, bridge, riff, hook, improvise, compose

Possible Instruments

Recorder



Glockenspiel