



All the learning in this unit is focused around one song: 'Bringing Us Together', a disco song by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman. The song is about friendship, peace, hope and unity. Disco music includes strong drum and bass lines, energetic electric guitars and a steady dance groove. It first appeared in New York in the 1970's

In this unit we will:

1 – Listen & Appraise: 'Bringing Us Together'

- Find the pulse by dancing, clapping, swaying or marching
- Identify instruments/ voices that we can hear – keyboard, drums, bass, female singer
- Do the words tell a story – What pictures form in our minds

2 – Musical Activities using glocks and/or recorders

- Warm-up games play and copy back using up to 3 notes – C, A and G
- Warm-up Challenges
- Bronze: no notes | Silver: C and A | Gold: C + A challenge.
- Singing in 2 parts.
- Play instrumental parts with the song by ear and/or from notation using the easy or medium part using up to 3 notes – C, A and G
- Improvise using up to 3 notes – C, A and G
- Improvisation challenges
- Bronze: C | Silver: C + A | Gold: c and A
Compose a simple melody using simple rhythms choosing from the notes C, A and G or C, D, E, G, A (Pentatonic scale)

3 – Perform & Share

- Decide how we will perform this song.
- Tell our audience how we learnt the 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 disco songs:

- 'Goodtimes' – Nile Rodgers
- 'Ain't Nobody' – Chaka Khan
- 'We are Family' – Sister Sledge
- 'Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now' – McFadden and Whitehead
- 'Car Wash' – Rose Royce

Inspiring Musicians



Nile Rodgers



Chaka Khan



Sister Sledge



McFadden and Whitehead



Rose Royce

Vocabulary

Keyboard, drums, bass, imagination, improvise, compose, disco, pentatonic scale, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture structure, hook, riff, melody

Possible Instruments

		
Recorder	Glockenspiel	Creative Apps