

Vocabulary

Arrangement – How and where voices and instruments are used within a song.

Compose - To create and develop musical ideas.

Improvise – Making up a musical idea and playing it on the spot.

Pulse - the regular heartbeat of the music; its steady beat.

Rhythm - long and short sounds or patterns that happen over the pulse.

Tuned percussion - percussion instruments that can play different pitches – xylophones, glockenspiels, chime bars etc.

Unison – Performing at the same time all together.

Untuned percussion – percussion instruments that can only make a limited number of sounds – drums, shakers and claves etc.

What are the features of R&B music?

Let your Spirit Fly



Musical styles

R&B stands for 'Rhythm and Blues'. Modern (or contemporary) R&B music is a mixture of blues, funk, pop, gospel, soul and Hip-Hop and is underpinned by a strong repetitive rhythm. This style of music originated in America in the late 1970s/early 1980s, but remains popular to this day. It is inspired by African – American rhythms and ideas.

Some famous R&B performers are Beyonce, Usher, Stevie Wonder and Rihanna.

Prior learning

Learning songs, chants and rhymes, exploring instruments in EYFS.

Exploring, improvising and composing rhythms in KS1. Exploring a variety of classical pieces.

Interesting ideas:

New styles of music can develop from mixing features of existing styles together. This is called creating a musical 'fusion'.

Useful links:

Follow this link to listen to Stevie Wonder's 'Moon Blue':

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kML6xjW_EFI