Knowledge Organiser – The Dragon Song — Year 3, Unit 4

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1 – Listen and Appraise: The Dragon Song

Themes: Kindness, respect, friendship, acceptance and happiness.

Instruments/voices you can hear: Keyboard, drums, bass, a female singer.

Do the words of the song tell a story? *Does the music create a story in your imagination? What story?*

2 – Musical Activities using glocks and/or recorders

Warm-up games play and copy back using up to 3 notes – G + A.
Bronze: no notes | Silver: G, sometimes A | Gold: G + A challenge.
Which challenge did you get to?

Singing in 2 parts.

Play instrumental parts with the song by ear and/or from notation using the easy or medium part. You will be using up to 3 notes – G, A + B. *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 D, E, G, A + B. (Pentatonic scale)



3 – Perform & Share

Decide how you going to perform this song. It tells an important story. 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

About this Unit

Themes: Traditional Folk tunes from around the world, celebrating our differences and being kind to one another.

Facts/info: This song tells the story of Lesley the Dragon who flies around the world in search of friendship. Think about the issues of kindness, respect, friendship, acceptance and happiness. Use your imaginations to create your own performance of the song.

Listen to 5 folk melodies from around the world:

- Birdsong – Chinese Folk Music
- Vaishnava Java – A Hindu Song
- A Turkish Traditional Tune
- Aitutaki Drum Dance from Polynesia
- Zebaidir Song from Sudan

Vocabulary: Keyboard, drums, bass, pentatonic scale, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture structure, compose, improvise, hook, melody

Reflection

This song will help you to think about many things, including the respect we must have for each other and the environment.

What did you like best about this Unit? Why? Was there anything you didn't enjoy about it? Why?

Did you have any strong feelings about it? Were you proud of yourself, happy or annoyed?

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