

Music

Music through the 20th Century

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We started at the beginning of the century by listening to some big band, swing and jazz music.



Big Band and Swing

Most of us preferred the older jazz to a modern version.

This music was upbeat and made us want to move.

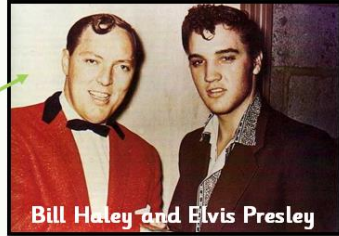
Jazz

Rock 'n' Roll

Elvis Presley

When people think of rock 'n' roll, they think of Elvis Presley. He was a singer and actor and known by many as the King Of Rock 'n' Roll.

Listen to his performance of 'Heartbreak Hotel' by clicking on the image to the right.



Elvis recorded 40 top 10 songs and had 18 number one hits.

Elvis Presley made people swoon with his dance moves!

I love The Beatles because I love their melodies.

Next we listened to some Rock 'n' Roll, Soul and Pop.

Soul can use elements of gospel music like with their backing singers.

1960s Popular Music Groups

The 60s was the beginnings of popular music or 'pop' music. The rock 'n' roll age of Elvis and Bill Haley and His Comets was taken over by popular music groups, such as The Monkees and The Beatles. Both bands achieved fame in the UK and America.



Indie

Bands of the 90s and 00s such as Blur and, more recently, Bastille are put into the category of 'Indie Rock' - a type of alternative rock which continues to remain popular today.



Finally we listened to Funk, Disco, Hip Hop, Indie and R'n'B. Here are some of our thoughts...

Amazing

Upbeat

Disco

My favourite of the styles

Couldn't stop moving my feet but not my favourite.

Encourages you to dance

It seemed more modern

Indie

I like the mix. It sounds like rock and pop

Makes you want to dance

I thought it was shouty.

I like the instruments but not the singing

I liked it as it was upbeat.

It was very groovy

Funk

It made you want to join in.

I liked how upbeat it was but not the lyrics.

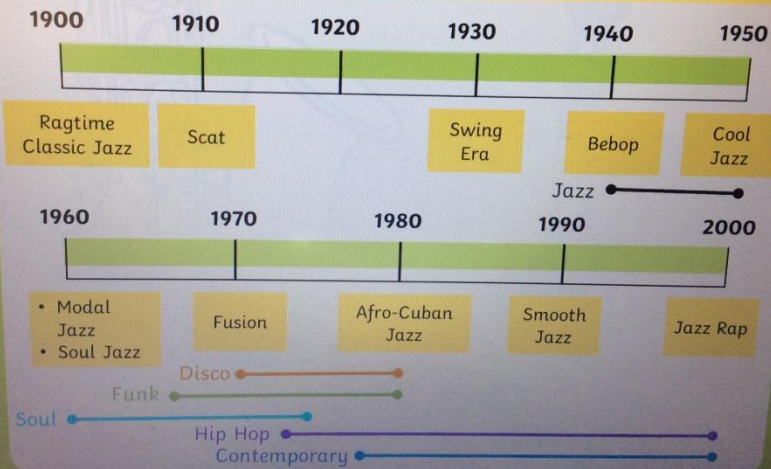
Contemporary R 'n' B

R 'n' B began in America during the late 1980s with artists such as Whitney Houston and Janet Jackson (the sister of Michael Jackson). Contemporary R 'n' B shouldn't be confused with earlier R&B (rhythm and blues), black American music which began in the 1940s combining jazz and blues.

R 'n' B music mixes elements of hip-hop and soul. Popular R 'n' B artists of the 90s included Eternal and today, Rihanna is a popular example of a R 'n' B artist.

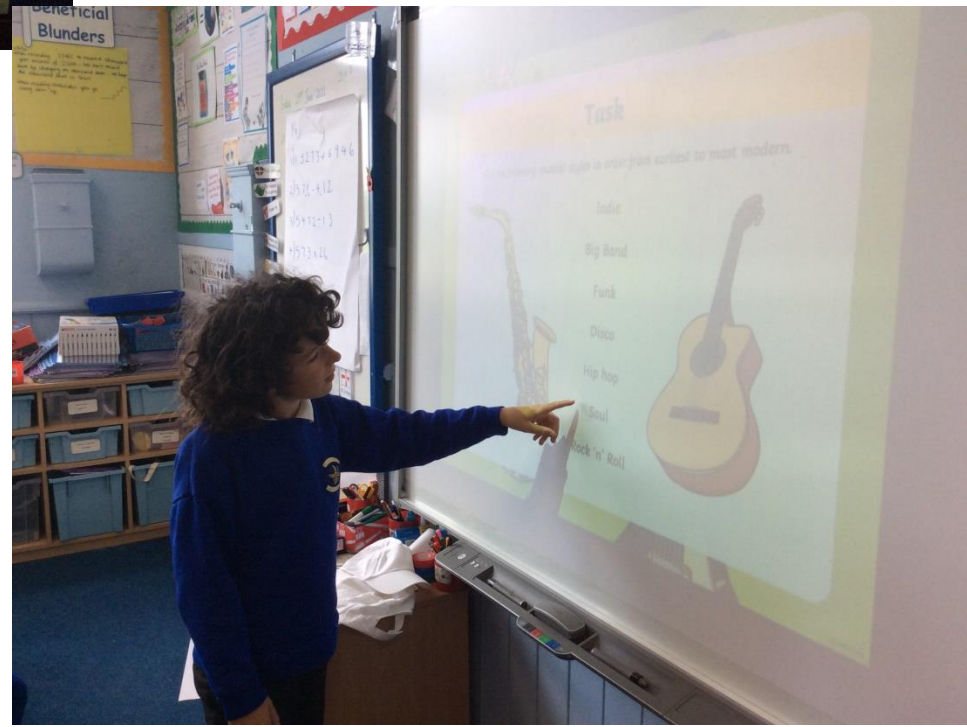


Eras Of Music Throughout the 20th Century

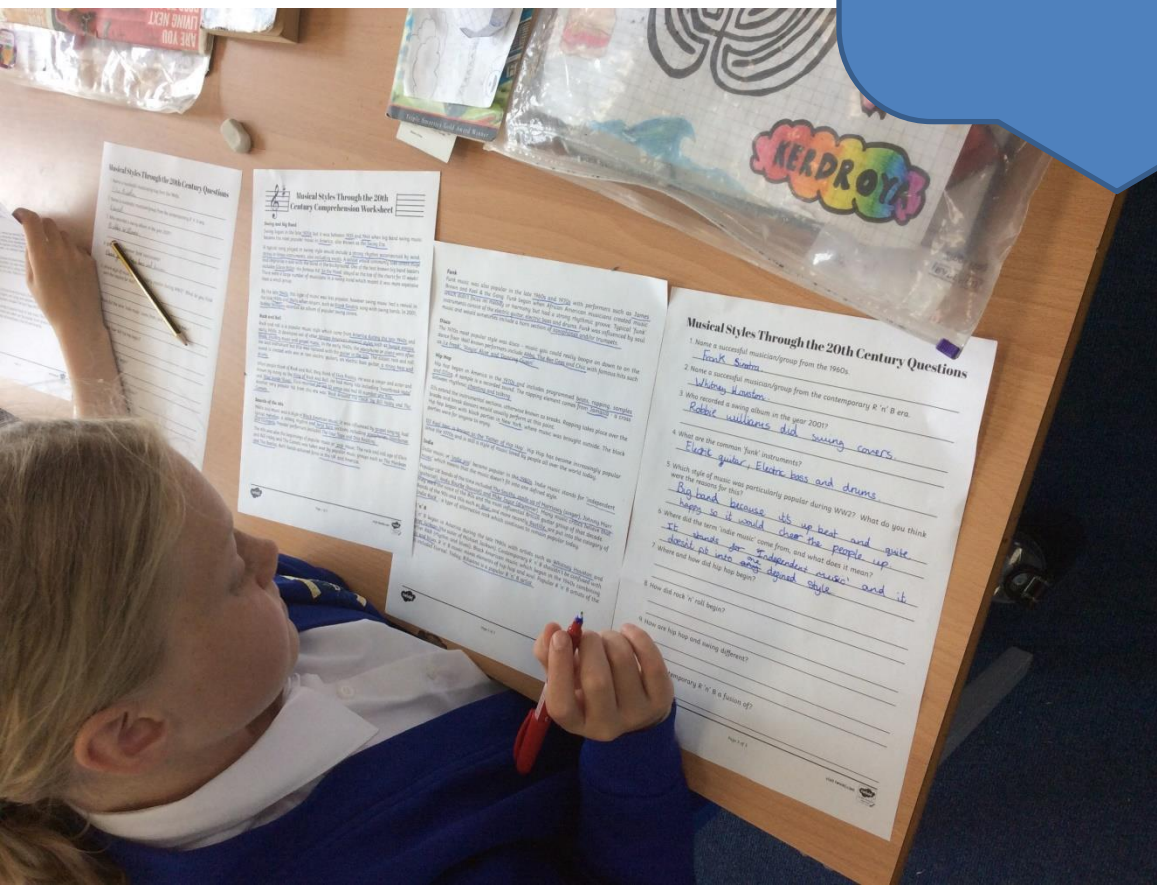


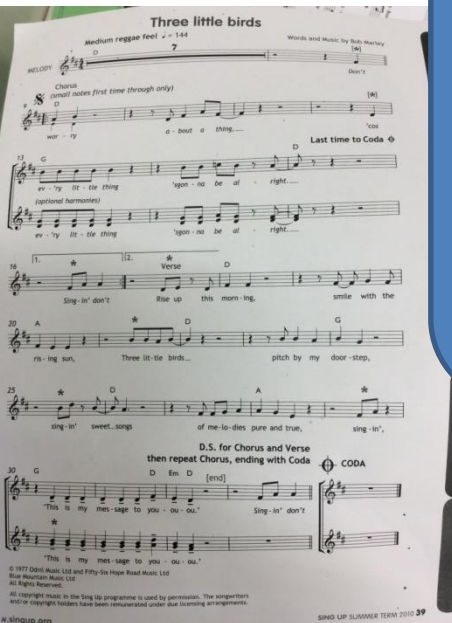
We recapped the different styles we had listened to and tried to remember the order that they first appeared in.

We all had to use our respect and responsibility because different people liked different music and nobody was wrong. It was their opinion.



We read some key facts and answered questions about the different styles to jog our memories and then we wrote which of the styles we liked best and why.





We learnt to sing a song
in the style of Reggae.
We used the sheet
music to help us see
where our pitch needed
to change.





Forever facts

I know that music changed through the 20th Century

I know some the features that can help distinguish between different genres of music e.g. types of instrument, improvisation, danceability

Skills

I can listen, evaluate and describe music using the appropriate vocabulary

I can follow written instructions

I can polish a performance

SMSC

Cultural – The children understand how culture has helped to develop music

Spiritual – The children will gain a sense of enjoyment in learning about music

Exciting Books



Our Endpoint

To explain which genre of music from the 20th Century they prefer and why

Subject Specific Vocabulary

Improvisation	a performance that a musician has not practiced or planned
Jazz	Primarily an instrumental form of music that is most often associated with the saxophone and trumpet. Improvisation plays a big part.
Swing	A strong rhythm accompanied by wind, string or brass instruments, also including vocals. A soloist would commonly take <u>centre</u> stage and improvise a solo with the band in the background.
Rock 'n' Roll	The classic rock 'n' roll sound is created with one or two electric guitars, an electric bass guitar, a string bass and drums
Soul	Influenced by gospel singing, it has lyrical melodies, a strong rhythm and large horn sections including saxophones, trombones and trumpets
Pop	modern popular music, usually with a strong beat, created with electrical or electronic equipment, and easy to listen to and remember:
Funk	Funk began when African-American musicians created music which didn't focus on melody or harmony but had a strong rhythmic groove.
Hip Hop	It includes programmed beats, rapping, samples and DJ'ing. A sample is a recorded sound.