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Music Unit Title	-Ourselves and - Traditional Tales	-Me! -My Stories	Hey You!	Hands, Feet, Heart	Let Your Spirit Fly	Mamma Mia	Livin' On A Prayer	Happy
Topic 1 - Big Question	Nursery rhymes and action songs How does music make me feel?	Nursery rhymes and action songs What does music make me want to do?	Old school Hip-Hop What did 80s and 90s Hip-Hop sound like?	South African Styles What styles of music come from South Africa?	R&B, Classical, Musicals, Motown, Soul How can music lift your spirits?	Pop Why are Abba still so popular today?	Rock What makes a song become a 'Stadium Anthem'?	Pop / Neo Soul What makes a song sound 'Happy'?
Additional learning	Nativity songs	Nativity songs	Christmas show songs	Christmas show songs	Glockenspiel instrumental 1 Christmas carols	Glockenspiel instrumental 2 Christmas carols	Christmas carols	Christmas carols
Songs and pieces explored in this unit	Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes I've got a body Clap, clap, hands Count your blessings If you're happy and you know it When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears Little Pigs He built a house of straw	Celebration - Kool and the Gang Happy - Pharrell Williams Sing - The Carpenters Sing a Rainbow - Peggy Lee Happy birthday - Stevie Wonder Our House - Madness Roll Alabama - Bellowhead Boogie Wonderland - Earth, Wind and Fire Don't go breaking my heart - Elton John Ganesh is fresh - MC Yogi Frosty the Snowman - Ella Fitzgerald A selection of nursery rhymes and action songs - children to know by heart	Hey You! - J. Mangona Me, Myself and I - De La Soul The Click Song - Mirium Makeba Fresh Prince of Bel Air - Will Smith Rapper's Delight - The Sugarhill Gang U can't touch this - MC Hammer It's like that - Run DMC	Hands, Feet, Heart - J. Mangona The Lion Sleeps Tonight - Soweto Gospel Choir Bring him back home - Hugh Masekela You can call me Al - Paul Simon It's like that - Run DMC	Let your spirit fly - J. Mangona Colonel Boogey March - Kenneth Alford The Lion Sleeps Tonight - Soweto Gospel Choir Ain't no mountain high enough - Marvin Gaye You're the first, the last, my everything - Barry White	Mamma Mia - Abba Dancing Queen - Abba Consider Yourself - from the musical 'Oliver!' Waterloo - Abba Super Trouper - Abba Thank you for the music - Abba	Livin' on a prayer - Bon Jovi We will rock you - Queen The winner takes it all - Abba Waterloo - Abba Super Trouper - Abba Thank you for the music - Abba	Happy - Pharrell Williams Top of the World - Carpenters Don't worry, be happy - Bobby McFerrin Walking on Sunshine - Katrina and the Waves When you're smiling - Frank Sinatra Love Will Save the Day - Brendan Reilly



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Music Unit Title	-Under the Sea -Dinosaurs	-The Wheels on the Bus -Changing	In the Groove	I Wanna Play In A Band	Three Little Birds	Stop!	Make You Feel My Love	Classroom Jazz
Topic 2 - Big Question	Nursery rhymes and action songs What does music make me want to do?	Nursery rhymes and action songs How do different kinds of music make me feel?	Blues, Latin, Folk, Baroque, Bhangra Why do some songs make us want to dance?	Rock What do different types of Rock music have in common?	Reggae What makes Reggae music so distinctive?	Grime, Classical, Bhangra, tango, Latin fusion Does 'rap' only belong in modern urban music?	Pop Why are ballads so popular when they are often so sad?	Jazz, Latin, Blues Is jazz music really random sounds?
Songs and pieces explored in this unit	Five Jellyfish Once I caught a fish alive Bobby Shafto The waves in the sea A sailor went to sea The big ship sails Dinosaur, dinosaur	The Wheels on the Bus (pop/dance version) I am sailing - Rod Stewart Leaving on a jet plane - John Denver On the road again - Willie Nelson Metamorphosis Song - Jack Hartmann Froggy froggy - Harry Kindergarten music The Lifecycle Song - Scratch Garden	In the groove - J. Mangona How blue can you ghet - B.B. King We will rock you - Queen Livin la vida loca - Ricky Martin Jai Ho - J.R. Rahman Lord of the Dance - Ronan Hardiman	I wanna play in a band - J. Mangona Jamming - Bob Marley Rockin all over the world - Status Quo Johnny B. Goode - Chuck Berry	Three little birds - Bob Marley Gotta be me - Secret Agent 23 Skidoo Small people - Ziggy Marley Smoke on the water - Deep Purple Rockin all over the world - Status Quo Johnny B. Goode - Chuck Berry	Stop! Gotta be me - Secret Agent 23 Skidoo Radetzky March - Strauss 54-46 Was my number - Toots and the Maytals Rockin all over the world - Status Quo Johnny B. Goode - Chuck Berry	Make you feel my love - Adele Make you feel my love - Bob Dylan So Amazing - Luther Vandross Can't stop the feeling - Justin Timberlake Ram Goat Liver - Pluto Libertango - Astor Piazzolla	Bacharach Anorak Speaking my peace Take the A train Meet the Blues Back O' Town Blues One O' Clock Jump



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	Ten little dinosaurs The Dinosaur Dance	A selection of nursery rhymes and action songs – children to know by heart	Diggin on James Brown – Tower of Power	I saw her standing there – The Beatles	Our Day will come – Amy Winehouse	ft. Sergio Mendes		
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Music Unit Title	-Food & Drink -Animals	-Superheroes -Our Planet	Your Imagination	Friendship Song	Bring Us Together	Blackbird	Dancing in the Street	
Topic 3 - Big Question	Nursery rhymes and action songs What other things can I do when I am singing?	Nursery rhymes and action songs How does music make us feel and act?	Pop/Musicals How can music inspire our imaginations?	Pop/Musicals How can I tell a friend how special they are in a song?	Disco What makes disco music so fun to dance to?	The Beatles Which musical genre best describes The Beatles' style?	Motown How did Motown songs get people 'dancing in the street'?	Updated unit to follow
Songs and pieces explored in this unit	Five little apples One tomato, two tomato Pat-a-cake Five currant buns Polly put the kettle on Old MacDonald Chick, chick chicken Incy, wincy	We could be heroes – David Bowie Wait Mr Postman – The Carpenters I have a dream - ABBA Superheroes – The Script On top of the world – The Carpenters Earth Song – Michael Jackson The Lion Sleeps Tonight – The Tokens	Your Imagination – J. Mangona and P. Readman Supercalifrag... - from Mary Poppins Pure imagination – from Willy Wonka and the Chocolate factory soundtrack You give a little love – from Bugsy Malone	Friendship Song – J. Mangona Count on me – Bruno Mars We go together – from Grease soundtrack That's what friends are for – Gladys Knight, Daydream Believer – The Monkees	Bringing us together – J. Mangona Good times – Nile Rodgers Ain't nobody – Chaka Khan We are family – Sister Sledge Ain't no stopping us now – McFadden and Whitehead	All of the following songs are by The Beatles: Blackbird Yellow Submarine Hey Jude Can't buy me love Ain't no mountain high enough – Marvin Gaye & Tammi Terrell	Dancing in the street – Martha and the Vandellas I can't help myself (sugar pie honey bunch) – The Four Tops I heard it through the grapevine – Marvin Gaye Ain't no mountain high enough – Marvin Gaye & Tammi Terrell	



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	If I were a butterfly 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive The animal fair Five little ducks	A selection of nursery rhymes and action songs – children to know by heart (including Miss Polly link with 'people who help us')	Rainbow Connection – from The Muppet Movie A Whole New World - from Aladdin	Stevie Wonder etc You've got a friend in me – Randy Newman	Car Wash – Rose Royce		You are the sunshine of my life – Stevie Wonder Tracks of my tears- Smoky Robinson	
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