

Vocabulary

Bar – Music is split into bars. Each bar usually contains 3 or 4 beats.

Beat – A regular sound that can be heard or felt in a piece of music.

Body percussion – Sounds that can be made with different parts of the body, e.g. clapping, stamping.

Improvise - To make up a rhythm or melody and play 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

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

What is rhythm?

Rhythm in the way we walk/Banana Rap



Musical styles

Rhythm in the Way we Walk has been written in a reggae style. Reggae was developed in the 1970s and originated from Jamaica, Reggae defined by Bob Marley. It has a strong bass beat and a strong off-beat usually played on the guitar.

Banana Rap has been written in a Hip-Hop style. Hip-Hop is music that developed in the 1970s but remains very popular today. It includes rapping.

Prior learning

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

Exploring and improvising rhythms in KS1.

Exposure to other pieces of classical music.

Interesting ideas:

Rap is a style of music that involves people speaking in rhythm rather than singing. Have a go at clapping a steady beat and saying your name in different ways so that it fits over the top of the clapping. How many different ways can you do it?

Useful links:

Follow this link to listen to listen to some simple rap ideas:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhQkUowpNNo>