Vocabulary

Appraising – Listening carefully to a piece of music and saying what you notice.

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 do African rhythms sound like?

Hands, Feet, Heart



Musical styles

'Hands, Feet, Heart' is a song that was written to celebrate the music of South Africa. South Africa is a large country at the bottom of the continent of Africa.



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:

African music often includes very strong rhythmic beats made using drums such as diembes and dunduns.





Useful links:

Follow this link to listen to a fantastic example of African drumming:

https://www.youtube.com/wat ch?v=kZHfmglb4mc