Year 3 – Music Skills

Knowledge Organiser – Let Your Spirit Fly

Key Skills and Knowledge	
Prior Learning: **Year 1** Voice preparation before singing **Year 2** Glockenspiel playing	**In this unit children will:** • learn how to appreciate rhythm and blues music. • To listen to and discuss well known music such as 'Ain't No Mountain High Enough' and 'You're the first. The last. My everything' and compare these pieces. • Be able to listen and appraise different pieces of music. • Take part in musical activities including finding the pulse and beat in different pieces. • be able to learn to sing different rhythm and blues songs including 'Let your spirit fly'. • Play instruments with the song including the glockenspiel. Performing the compositions independently, in pairs and in groups. • Enjoy different R n B music from all eras and be able to explore how the songs make them feel.

RnB Music	Key Knowledge
In this unit, the children will be focusing on Rhythm and Blues or R n B music. They will be using 'Let your spirit fly' by Joanna Mangona as a basis as well as other more well known songs. This song will be the main song to start with each lesson and build up their knowledge of Rhythm and Blues music. R&B is music that combines elements of Rhythm and Blues, Pop, Soul, Funk and Hip Hop. Although the abbreviation R&B originates from traditional Rhythm and Blues music, today the term R&B is most often used to describe a style of African-American music that developed after the demise of Disco in the 1980s.	**The general features of R&B music are…** • A polished production style, which never sounds gritty. Use of computer-originated sounds eg drum machines. Smooth vocal arrangements. • Use of Hip Hop and Dance beats without the earthy street-vibe creating a smoother finish. • Frequent use of melisma in vocals, eg Stevie Wonder, Mariah Carey, Whitney Houston, Michael Jackson, Beyonce Knowles-Carter. This style of singing originated in the Gospel tradition.

Musicians/Composers	Key Questions
 Beyonce Knowles- Carter Stevie Wonder Mariah Carey	Who was the biggest R n B singer/band of all time? What makes a good piece of rhythm and blues music? Where would you start to write a piece of rhythm and blues music?

Vocabulary	
Rhythmic Pattern	Anything that has a pulse that can be repeated.
Rallentando.	When the music becomes slower
Accelerando	When the music becomes faster.
Diminuendo	When the music gradually becomes quieter.
Crescendo	When the music gradually becomes louder.
Dynamics	How loud or quiet the music is.
Melody	A collection of notes.
Repetition	Something happens over and over again.

Key Instruments		
 Piano	 Guitar	 saxophone