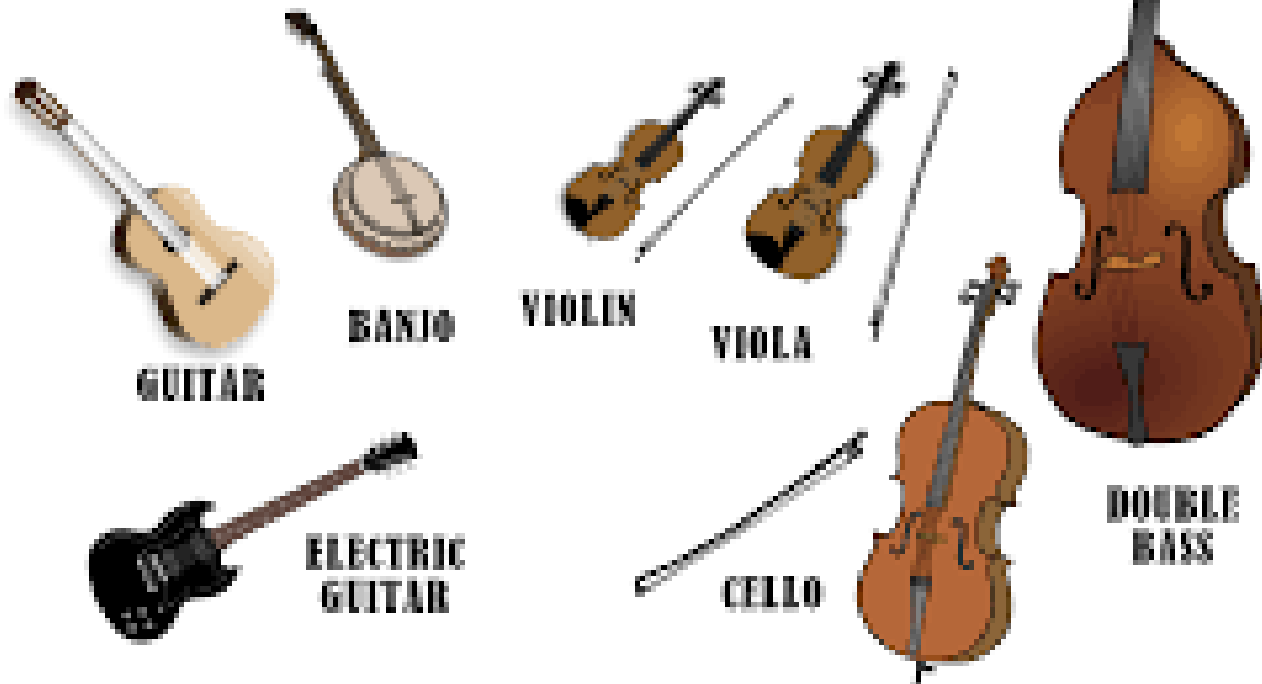


Lesson 2: Families of Instruments, a closer look.

THE STRING FAMILY



Year 3
Spring 1
Lesson 2



Let's Listen



What do you think of the bass guitar?

Do you like the sound it makes?

Does it sound okay when played on its own?

What sort of sound does it make?

Does it ok easy to play?

How does it differ to the sound of a guitar?



Prior Learning



In Year 2, you learnt about the families in the orchestra.

Can you name an instrument in the brass family?

How about an instrument in the woodwind family?

Percussion or string family?

Today we will be taking a closer look at the string family and in particular the guitar and bass guitar and how they have been used to identify the genre of rock music.

Key Vocabulary



- Bass guitar
- Lead guitar
- Electric guitar
- Ostinato
- Riff
- Chords
- Bass note

L.O: to know that the guitar and bass stringed instruments are the most popular, especially for the use of rock music.



Success Criteria:

I can recall instruments in the string family.

I can hear the line in a song.

I know that bass and guitars are popular within Rock music.

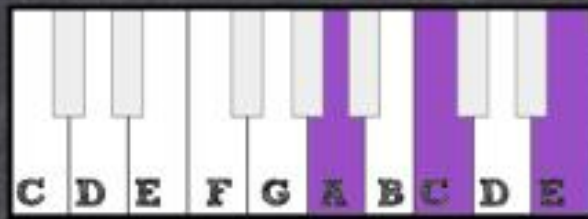
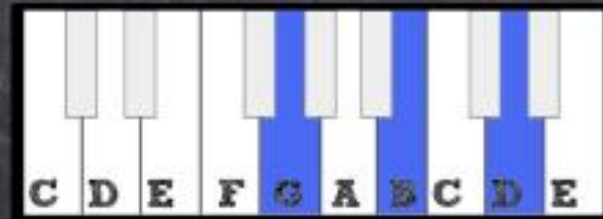
I can sing or play a bass line riff

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Chords: Role of the Bass

Unless the bass is playing the riff, the role of the bass is normally to support the chords by playing the ROOT note (the first note) of the chord.



They also help to keep the pulse by playing a crotchet rhythm or a quaver rhythm constantly.





Rock Bands

RUSH

QUEEN

AC ⚡ DC



LED-ZEPPELIN

Classic Rock

What Classic Rock songs do you already know of?

Think about songs your parents or grandparents know...

Think about songs that are on at birthday parties or weddings that you have been to...

Do you know any other Rock bands not mentioned before?





Famous Rock Guitarists



Pete Townshend
The Who

Jimmy Page
Led Zeppelin



Alex Lifeson
Rush



Brian May
Queen



George Harrison
The Beatles



Electric Guitar

Sweet Child of Mine 📢 Guns 'n' Roses

Smoke on the Water 📢 Deep Purple

Day Tripper 📢 The Beatles

Seven Nation Army 📢 White Stripes

Whole Lotta Love 📢 Led Zeppelin

Back In Black 📢 AC/DC





Riffs & Ostinatos

Riffs and Ostinatos are the same thing...

They are a set of repeated notes with a repeated rhythm pattern.

‘Ostinato’ is the traditional term

‘Riff’ is the common term

Teach

Remember
to find a
good guitar
sound on the
keyboard



LEO ZEPPELIN - WHOLE LOTTA LOVE



THE WHITE STRIPES - SEVEN NATION ARMY



Choose a riff for you to explore.

You are going to use your voices or any instruments you can find to recreate one of the above.

Like last week, see if you can tap, hum or play the riff in time with the music clip.

And finally...



Practise playing your lead guitar riff on your instrument or by singing the part to the music clip.

Perform to someone in your house, (don't tell the song you are playing) can they spot the riff they are playing?

Listen to the radio or ask people in your bubble what song they like, do they have a guitar riff they could play/hum to you? Make a note in your journals of any lead guitar riffs you prefer and why. You could mention rhythm and melody, anything that you have enjoyed.

Write your lead guitar riff in your journals using dots for rhythm and dash for rests.

Step for depth.

Draw the shape of the melody by putting dots higher or lower as needed.