

# GGA- Music Knowledge Organiser for Year 4 Summer Term- Oceania

## Music History

The **didgeridoo** is an Australian instrument 1,000 to 1,500 years old, often made from eucalyptus wood, hollowed out by termites



The **songman** is the keeper of the tribe's oral history, passed on through song

## Skills that I am going to learn.

### Listening

Listen to Australian tribal music from the Northern Territory



### Singing

Learn a song in the Yolngu Matha language



### Making

Make a DIY didgeridoo



## Vocabulary

Drone

A long held note or notes used as an accompaniment to a melody

World music

Music from different cultures around the world

Ethnomusicology

Studying how a people's music relates to their culture

Clapsticks

Two sticks struck together to keep a pulse in Australian aboriginal music.

### Why are we learning this?

To begin to understand Aboriginal Australian culture and history

### Why is this important?

To develop respect for diversity and learn how history can be passed on without writing.

# GGA - Music Knowledge Organiser for Year 4-Theme and Variations

## Skills that I am going to learn

### Playing

Play and record digital instruments in GarageBand



### Singing

Record your voice singing your own lyrics

### Composing

Write a song based on “Theme and Variations” form and improvise over a simple chord sequence



## Vocabulary

Pentatonic

A 5 note scale, often used in Chinese traditional music

Improvise

To make something up as you go along

Melody

The pattern of pitches (and rhythm) in foreground of a piece of music

Harmony

The chord changes in the background of a piece of music

DAW

Digital Audio Work Station (for instance, GarageBand)

MIDI

A way of telling a computer what notes to play

Synthesizer

An electronic instrument that can sound like many other instruments

## Why are we learning this?

To understand how musical ideas and performances are captured. and recorded.

## Why is this important?

Most of the music we hear today is recorded – YouTube, television, radio, video-games. The recording industry is a big and important part of modern culture