

Elements of Music

Articulation	The techniques used on the instrument
Melody	The main tune of the music
Dynamics	How loud or soft an instrument is played
Tonality	The mood of the music
Metre	The number of beats in a bar
Structure	The sections within a piece of music
Tempo	The speed of the pulse
Harmony	The chords in a piece of music
Sonority	The sound an instrument makes
Rhythm	A pattern of long and short notes
Texture	The layers of instruments in a piece of music

Other Key Vocabulary

Harmony	The chords in a piece of music
Chord	Multiple notes played at the same time
Chord Progression	A sequence of chords, often repeated

Year 7 – Spring Term Knowledge Organiser

Topic - Ukulele and Songwriting

Key Skills

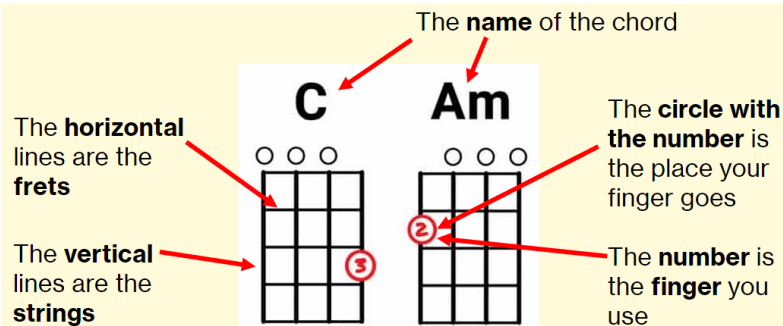


Playing In Time -
When the **rhythm** of the music is in sync with the **pulse**

Tuning -
Adjusting the pitch of each string to match the note as played by the keyboard



Reading Ukulele Chord Diagrams



Why?

This topic extends previous learning by applying key musical skills to the ukulele. The topic allows further study in guitar and teaches students the skills necessary to begin writing their own songs.

This topic prepares students for the final year 7 project which focuses on creating an ensemble of different instruments to play covers of well-known songs.

Sections in a Song

Verse	The story of the song
Chorus	Where the main “hook” appears
Bridge	A contrasting section of music
Intro/Outro	A short section of music at the beginning or end of the song