

## Year 4: Rock and Roll

### Musical style: Rock and Roll

Rock and roll was created in America in the 1950s after the war and was made to depict happiness and a new life. The name comes from the phrase 'rocking and rolling' which was used by mariners to explain the movement of a ship, which influenced the dance steps.



Rock and roll stems from jazz, gospel and blues music and uses the blues structure and chords. It often has a fast tempo with strong vocals, which may use screaming and shouting. Rock and roll formed the basis of our modern day rock music.

### Vocabulary

#### Bass line

The lowest part of the music, played by a bass or bass guitar in rock and roll.

#### Walking bass

A bass line that moves step by step using pitches that are next to each other.

#### Notation

The way that music is written so that others can play it.

#### In time

Playing or singing at the same speed as the music.

#### Hand jive

A rock and roll dance where you move your hands a lot!



#### In tune

Singing or playing with the correct pitch.

#### Tempo

The speed or pace of the music. It can change throughout a piece of music.

#### Dynamics

The volume of the notes. This often changes throughout a piece of music.

#### Pitch

How high or low a note sounds.

### Instruments



Electric bass



Drum



Double bass

Electric guitar

