



Somerset Bridge Primary School
Aspire - Brave - Care - Collaborate

Music – Year 5

Summer Term

Singing Tips!

Warm up! Yawn before singing.

It sounds strange but it's important. Yawning helps the Adam's apple to lower and relaxes the muscles around the neck. This will also help you to develop a good breathing technique, access your head voice and control your pitch.

Running out of air? Practice breathing.

Breathe! Use more air and energy to sing, not just volume. You need to learn how to breathe properly when singing. Do some breathing exercises to understand how to regulate breath while you sing. E.g. Breathe in through the nose and out through the mouth, hold your breath for as long as you can, and exhale slowly and carefully (as if blowing through a straw).

Not singing in tune? Too quiet?

Listen to the others singing with you. Make your voice float naturally and don't strain! Stand with good posture and hold your head up. Breathe! Open your mouth in a O shape to create a better sound. Finally, practise!

You will learn to:

Understand the importance of warming up for singing.

Practise breathing properly to produce a good sound when singing.

Develop your singing voice and vocal range by joining in with singing games e.g. pitch-matching and call and echo songs.

Sing new songs learned by heart.

Sing **solo** or in **unison**.

Prepare for a performance with **rehearsals**.

Perform to a familiar audience.

Summer Term Focus

Singing and Performing

This term you will be working on improving your singing and focusing on working toward a performance in front of a live audience. You may also begin to notice your singing range (which notes you find easier to reach).

Key Vocabulary

pitch	high and low sounds
tempo	the speed of the steady beat
dynamics	loud and quiet sounds
timbre	the unique quality of a sound
texture	layers of sound in music
structure	how the different parts of the music are put together
solo	Italian word: to sing/play/perform alone
unison	sing as part of an ensemble (group)
rehearse	practise for a performance
perform	show a polished production to an audience

Performing is all about projecting confidence to the audience! So **care** about your performance, **collaborate** with your team, **aspire** to be awesome, and be **brave** and get out there! It'll be great!