PITCH – Knowledge Organiser

CONTEXT

This topic is all about high and low in music. We have sung simple songs (like 'Rain is Falling Down' and 'Popcorn') and played their pitch patterns using bells, boomwhackers and chimes:

Bells   Chime bars   Boomwhackers

KEY LEARNING:

We listened, played and sung ascending, descending, stepwise and leaping melodies. We took 'Jolly Music' songs like 'Rain is Falling Down' and were able to work out and play the descending pitch pattern:

♥ ♥ ♥ ♥
Rain is falling down. Z

♥ ♥ ♥ ♥
Rain is falling down. Z

♥ ♥ ♥ ♥
Pitter, patter, pitter, patter,

♥ ♥ ♥ ♥
Rain is falling down. Z

Rain is falling down   Rain is falling down   Pitter patter pitter patter   Rain is falling down

MUSIC KEY TERMS

Pitch	The highness or lowness of a sound
High	A high note is when the sound is "up", like a tiny bird singing or a whistle.
Low	A low note is when the sound is "deep", like a lion's roar
Ascending	When the pitch goes UP, gets higher
Descending	When the pitch goes DOWN, gets lower
Melody	The tune
Stepwise	A melody that moves in steps up or down – the notes are next door to each other
Leaping	A melody that moves in leaps – the notes are far apart
Pulse 💗	The heartbeat of the music
Rhythm	A pattern of long or short notes (with or without a pitch)

high

low

Ascending   **Descending**