

Grange Park Primary School Year 6 Summer 2 Music

Theatre music: Preparing for the end of year production of *Alice in Wonderland*

	Key composers, genre and instruments
George Frideric Handel 1685-1759	George Frideric Handel was a German-British Baroque composer well known for his operas, oratorios, anthems, big concerts, and organ concertos. 
Famous works	The Water music for the Royal Fireworks The Messiah
The Messiah	This tells the story of the Bible in three parts: Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah's birth; New Testament stories of the birth of Christ, his death, and his resurrection; and verses relating ultimately to Judgment Day, with the final chorus text drawn from the Book of Revelation.
The Hallelujah chorus	The 'Hallelujah' chorus is one of the most famous pieces of Baroque choral music and the most widely known section of the work. It was originally written for Easter, but has become a popular song for any festive occasion.
Unusual fact	A standing tradition: Audience members usually rise to their feet when the famous "Hallelujah" chorus begins. Supposedly King George II was so moved during the London premiere of the Messiah that he stood and then everyone else in the theater followed so as not to offend him

Key Skills
Use voices with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression.
Appreciate, understand, review and evaluate music by famous composers.
Perform songs in solo and ensemble contexts.
Develop an understanding of the history of music.
Use and understand staff and other musical notations (when singing).
Listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory.



Relevant songs	
We're all Mad down here	Tea for Three
Dance Monkey	Silence in Court
Baggy Trousers - Madness	I'm odd



Key Vocabulary	
word	Definition here.
A musical	A film with a variety of songs which help tell the story.
Baroque	A style of music that prevailed during the period from about 1600 to about 1750, known for its grandiose, dramatic, and energetic spirit.
opera	A kind of musical theatre using voices and orchestra and costumes - it tells a story.
oratorio	A music composition for voices and orchestra but no costumes are used.
duration	How long or short a note is.
Time signature	This denotes how many beats to count each bar. 4/4 3/4 2/4 are some examples.
notations	Written music

