## Music Y6 Autumn Term Cycle A and B Opera and Oratorio



## Key Knowledge

Duration — recap rhythms learnt in previous years, including crotchets, quavers, minims, dotted notes, semibreves and rests Tempo — understand how rubato, ad lib, recitative and chant can impact the tempo when singing in an opera or oratorio Dynamics — continued recognition and use of articulation and dynamic contrasts with greater control

Pitch — learn the characteristics of major, minor and chromatic scales, triads in music and recap treble clef notation

Timbre — recognise and identify the different voice parts (soprano/treble, mezzo-soprano, alto/counter-tenor, tenor, baritone and bass) and vocal effects (including glissando) Texture — recognise and identify different ensemble sizes (solo, duet, trio, quartet, chorus)

Structure — recognise and identify different song types (aria, recitative and chorus)

Conducting — lead a small group performance of an aria Singing — learn to sing songs from The Magic Flute and Handel's Messiah

Composing — compose a motif for a key character in the story (The Queen of the Night and Papagena)

Performing — take part in a class performance for the Harvest and Christmas services and perform composition and opera/oratorio arias as part of a small group











## Key Vocabulary

Rubato and ad lib

Chant

Opera (Italian for 'work')

Oratorio

Sacred and secular

Tonalities — major, minor and chromatic Voice parts — soprano, treble, alto, counter-tenor, tenor, baritone and bass

Glissando

Ensembles — solo, duet, trio and quartet Song types — aria, recitative and chorus Motif

## Music Listening and Songs to Learn

The Magic Flute by Mozart

- Hm! Hm! Hm!
- Pa Pa Pa
- Papageno's Aria
- Tamino's Aria
- The Queen of the Night's Aria
- Walk on Tiptoe

Messiah by Handel

- Hallelu jah Chorus

The Christmas Oratorio by Bach