

DOCUMENTARY SONGWRITING



In small groups the Explorers and Innovators met once a week for 6 weeks with visiting artists Malcolm Brooks and Alex Wilder. Building on skills with Jeff Weinberger in Ukulele the children shared ideas and created original songs. Some stories came from from stories they were collecting during the Stories from America project time with Lindsay. Malcolm and Alex discussed the structure of a story and how it might be shaped into lyrics. Blues chords were introduced and ideas around lyrics, chords and melody were built from experiencing a variety of songs. Each week children recorded their voices and songs and listened back to reflect on their sound and ideas. At our Solstice celebration children shared original songs with families. We noticed a high level of commitment and ownership of ideas.





Student Reflections

What was successful?

What was challenging?

What would you like Malcolm and Alex to know?

