

Music Progression MUSIC National Curriculum – The Subject Content

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)	Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)	Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4, 5 and 6)
The early learning goals Specific areas: • Expressive art and design > Being imaginative Children use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes. They represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role-play and stories	 Pupils should be taught to: Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes Play tuned and untuned instruments musically Listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music. 	 Pupils should be taught to: Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music Listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory Use and understand staff and other musical notations Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians Develop an understanding of the history of music.

Nursery	Reception
• I can explore and learn how sounds and movements can be changed.	I create movement in response to music
I join in singing songs	I can join in when singing a song
• I sing familiar songs e.g. pop songs, songs from tv programmes, rhymes and	I can make up simple songs
songs from home.	I can make up rhythms
I tap out simple repeated Rhythms	
• I create sounds by rubbing, shacking, tapping, striking and blowing	

Year 1 Musicians	Year 2 Musicians	Year 3 Musicians
Listening:	Listening:	Listening:
• I can listen carefully to music and talk about the	 I can listen to a variety of music and respond 	I can listen to music from a variety of
sounds that I have heard.	accordingly with my body.	traditions and understand their features.

 Vlusic Progression Pitch: I can explain that pitch means high and low sounds I can match pitch and sing melodies within a range of a 6th Pulse and rhythm: I can explain what pulse and rhythm are and the difference between them I can maintain a steady pulse when performing I can identify long and short sounds I can compose sequences of long and short sounds I can copy back a simple repeated pattern (ostinato) Performing: I can name percussion instruments and sort them into groups by how they are played I know how to make sounds louder and quieter (dynamics) I can follow a conductor I can make a graphic score (sound picture) with my class and perform it 	 Pitch: I can understand higher than, lower than and middle pitch I can respond to pitch accordingly with my body I can match pitch and sing with increasing accuracy Pulse and rhythm: I can explain the difference between pulse and rhythm and demonstrate this I can perform rhythms from written symbols I can compose ostinati Performing: I can use dot notation to perform pitch and create sequences I can record musical ideas using graphic scores I can perform using knowledge of timbre/tempo/dynamics I can evaluate performances and suggest ways of improving them 	 Pitch: I can sing songs in rounds and with an awareness of others I can sing songs from other cultures around the world. I can sing a pentatonic scale Pulse and rhythm: I can read and perform more complex rhythmic sequences I can improvise short rhythms in time to the pulse I can compose ostinati to accompany a melody I understand how pulse and rhythm fit together Performing: I can perform three basic strokes on the Djembe drum I can maintain a simple part when playing with an ensemble I can record compositions as graphic scores I can evaluate and suggest ways to improve my compositions
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Year 4 Musicians	Year 5 Musicians	Year 6 Musicians
Listening:	Listening:	Music in Year 6 is offered through a variety of
I can listen to live and recorded music from a	• I can listen to live and recorded music from a	opportunities: weekly singing assemblies which are themed
variety of genres and composers.	variety of genres and composers.	(Christmas, Remembrance Day, Easter, Celebration singing,
Pitch:	I can begin to learn about some aspects of	Sports based, PSHE themed), musical performances such as
 I can accurately sing an octave with 	musical history.	Christmas Carol singing concert, poetry recitation, musical
corresponding Kodaly hand signs	Pitch:	productions, solo singing and group singing and
 I can sing a melody using dot notation 	• I can accurately sing a range of a 10 th and show	instrumental performances.
I can sing and maintain a melody in multiple	corresponding Kodaly hand signs.	
parts	I can recognise notes C-G on stave notation	Skills and goals covered through the above opportunities
Pulse and rhythm:	and sing the according pitch	include:
• I can listen to simple rhythms and notate them using dot notation	 I can sing and maintain a melody in multiple parts 	 I know that the study of music is concerned with musical expression and communication
I can read and perform more complex rhythmic	I can compose and write my own, simple	I can sing songs in unison and in two or more parts
sequences in time to the pulse	melodies using stave notation	I can perform as part of an ensemble
I can improvise more complex ostinati in time to	Pulse and rhythm:	I can perform with an awareness of audience
the pulse	I can listen to more complex rhythms and	I can improve my own work having regard to purpose
Performing:	notate them using dot notation	I can listen attentively with attention to detail
 I know that good posture and embouchure enable a clear tone on the trumpet 	• I can read and perform more complex rhythmic sequences in time to the pulse and in rounds	 I can consider pieces of music in terms of meaning, mood, structure, place and time
• I can play notes C-G on the trumpet	• I can improvise complex ostinati in time to the	• I understand that musicians use music to express
• I can play notes on the trumpet according to the	pulse	emotions and experiences
corresponding Kodaly hand sign.	Performing:	
	I know that good posture and embouchure	
	enable a clear tone on the	
	trumpet/trombone/euphonium	
	I can play notes B-A on my instrument	
	I can play my own compositions on an	
	instrument	
	I can play melodies in multiple parts.	