

Music Progression of Skills

	EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Singing	<p>Pupils use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes</p>	<p>Sing simple chants and rhymes from memory, singing collectively and at the same pitch, responding to simple visual directions (e.g. stop, start, loud, quiet) and counting in.</p> <p>Sing songs with a very small range (mi-so), then slightly wider.</p> <p>Include pentatonic songs</p> <p>Sing a wide range of call-and-response songs to control vocal pitch and to match the pitch they hear with accuracy</p>	<p>Sing songs regularly with a pitch range of do-so (e.g. C-G) with increasing vocal control.</p> <p>Sing songs with a small pitch range, pitching accurately.</p> <p>Know the meaning of dynamics (loud/quiet) and tempo (fast/slow) and be able to demonstrate these when singing by responding to (a) the leader's directions and (b) visual symbols (e.g. crescendo, decrescendo, pause).</p>	<p>Sing a widening range of unison songs of varying styles and structures with a pitch range of do–so, tunefully and with expression.</p> <p>Perform forte and piano, loud and soft.</p> <p>Perform actions confidently and in time to a range of action songs.</p> <p>Walk, move, or clap a steady beat with others, changing the speed of the beat as the tempo of the music changes.</p>	<p>Continue to sing a broad range of unison songs with the range of an octave (do–do), pitching the voice accurately and following directions for getting louder (crescendo) and quieter (decrescendo).</p> <p>Sing rounds and partner songs in different time signatures (2, 3 and 4 time) and begin to sing repertoire with small and large leaps as well as a simple second part to introduce vocal harmony.</p>	<p>Sing a broad range of songs from an extended repertoire with a sense of ensemble and performance. This should include observing phrasing, accurate pitching, and appropriate style.</p> <p>Sing three-part rounds, partner songs, and songs with a verse and a chorus</p>	<p>Sing a broad range of songs, including those that involve syncopated rhythms, as part of a choir, with a sense of ensemble and performance. This should include observing rhythm, phrasing, accurate pitching, and appropriate style.</p> <p>Continue to sing three- and four-part rounds or partner songs, and experiment with positioning singers randomly within the group - i.e. no longer in discrete parts - in order to develop greater listening skills, balance between parts, and vocal independence.</p>

<p>Listening</p>	<p>Pupils listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music</p>	<p>Develop knowledge and understanding of the stories, origins, traditions, history, and social context of music they are listening to, singing and playing. Listen to recorded performances</p>	<p>Develop a knowledge and understanding of the stories, origins, traditions, history, and social context of music they are listening to, singing and playing. Listen to recorded performances</p>	<p>Develop a knowledge and understanding of the stories, origins, traditions, history, and social context of music they are listening to, singing and playing. Listen to recorded performances</p>	<p>Develop a knowledge and understanding of the stories, origins, traditions, history, and social context of music they are listening to, singing and playing. Listen to recorded performances.</p>	<p>Develop a knowledge and understanding of the stories, origins, traditions, history, and social context of music they are listening to, singing and playing. Listen to recorded performances</p>	<p>Develop a knowledge and understanding of the stories, origins, traditions, history, and social context of music they are listening to, singing and playing. Listen to recorded performances.</p>
<p>Composing: compose</p>	<p>Pupils experiment with, create, select, and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music.</p>	<p>Improvise simple vocal chants using question-and-answer phrases. bCreate musical sound effects and short sequences of sounds in response to a stimulus (e.g. a rainstorm or a train journey). Combine to make a story using classroom instruments or sound-makers. Understand the difference between creating a rhythm pattern and a pitch pattern.</p>	<p>Create music in response to a non-musical stimulus (e.g. a storm, a car race, or a rocket launch). Work with a partner to improvise simple question-and-answer phrases, to be sung and played on untuned percussion, creating a musical conversation. Use graphic symbols, dot notation, and stick notation, as appropriate, to</p>	<p>Combine known rhythmic notation with letter names to create rising and falling phrases using just three notes (do, re, and mi). Compose song accompaniments on untuned percussion using known rhythms and note values.</p>	<p>Combine known rhythmic notation with letter names to create short pentatonic phrases using a limited range of 5 pitches suitable for the instruments being learnt. Sing and play these phrases as self-standing compositions. Arrange individual notation cards of known note values (i.e. minim, crotchet, crotchet rest, and paired quavers) to create sequences of 2-, 3-</p>	<p>Compose melodies made from pairs of phrases in either C major or A minor or a key suitable for the instrument chosen. These melodies can be enhanced with rhythmic or chordal accompaniment. Working in pairs, compose a short ternary piece. Use chords to compose music to evoke a specific atmosphere, mood, or environment. Equally, pupils</p>	<p>Plan and compose an 8- or 16-beat melodic phrase using the pentatonic scale (e.g. C, D, E, G, A) and incorporate rhythmic variety and interest. Play this melody on available tuned percussion and/or orchestral instruments. Notate this melody. Compose melodies made from pairs of phrases in either G major or E minor or a key suitable</p>



		<p>Invent, retain, and recall rhythm and pitch patterns and perform these for others, taking turns.</p> <p>Use music technology to capture, change, and combine sounds.</p> <p>Recognise how graphic notation can represent created sounds.</p> <p>Explore and invent own symbols.</p>	<p>keep a record of composed pieces.</p> <p>Use music technology to capture, change, and combine sounds</p>		<p>or 4-beat phrases, arranged into bars.</p> <p>Explore developing knowledge of musical components by composing music to create a specific mood, for example creating music to accompany a short film clip.</p> <p>Introduce major and minor chords.</p> <p>Include instruments played in whole-class/group/individual teaching to expand the scope and range of the sound palette available for composition work.</p> <p>Capture and record creative ideas using any of: graphic symbols, rhythm notation and time signatures, staff</p>	<p>might create music to accompany a silent film or to set a scene in a play or book.</p> <p>Capture and record creative ideas using any of: graphic symbols, rhythm notation and time signatures, staff notation, technology</p>	<p>for the instrument chosen.</p> <p>Enhance improvised/composed melodies with rhythmic or chordal accompaniment.</p> <p>Compose a ternary piece; use available music software/apps to create and record it, discussing how musical contrasts are achieved</p>
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Composing: Improvise				Become more skilled in improvising (using voices, tuned and untuned percussion, and other instruments), inventing short 'on-the-spot' responses using a limited note range. Structure musical ideas (e.g. using echo or question-and-answer phrases) to create music that has a beginning, middle, and end. Pupils should compose in response to different stimuli e.g. stories, verse, images (paintings and photographs), and musical sources.	Improvise on a limited range of pitches on the instrument they are now learning, making use of musical features including smooth (legato) and detached (staccato). Begin to make compositional decisions about the overall structure of improvisations and continue this process in composition tasks.	improvise freely over a drone, developing sense of shape and character, using tuned percussion and melodic instruments. Improvise over a simple groove, responding to the beat, creating a satisfying melodic shape; experiment with using a wider range of dynamics, including very loud (fortissimo), very quiet (pianissimo), moderately loud (mezzo forte), and moderately quiet (mezzo piano). Continue this process in composition tasks.	Create music with multiple sections that include repetition and contrast. Use chord changes as part of an improvised sequence. Extend improvised melodies beyond 8 beats over a fixed groove, creating a satisfying melodic shape
Musicianship: Pulse/beat		Walk, move, or clap a steady beat with others,	Understand that the speed of the beat can change,				



		<p>changing the speed of the beat as the tempo of the music changes. Use body percussion and classroom percussion, playing repeated patterns (ostinati) and short pitched patterns on tuned instruments to maintain a steady beat. Respond to the pulse in recorded/live music through movement and dance</p>	<p>creating a faster or slower pace (tempo). Mark the beat of a listening piece by tapping or clapping and recognising tempo as well as changes in tempo. Walk in time to the beat of a piece of music or song. Know the difference between left and right to support coordination and shared movement with others. Begin to group beats in twos and threes by tapping knees on the first (strongest) beat and clapping the remaining beats. Identify the beat groupings in familiar music that they sing regularly and listen to</p>				
<p>Musicianship: Rhythm</p>		<p>Perform short copycat rhythm</p>	<p>Play copycat rhythms, copying a</p>				



		<p>patterns accurately, led by the teacher. Perform short repeating rhythm patterns while keeping in time with a steady beat. Perform word-pattern chants; create, retain and perform their own rhythm patterns</p>	<p>leader, and invent rhythms for others to copy on untuned percussion. Create rhythms using word phrases as a starting point. Read and respond to chanted rhythm patterns, and represent them with stick notation including crotchets, quavers, and crotchets rests. Create and perform their own chanted rhythm patterns with the same stick notation</p>				
<p>Musicianship: Pitch</p>		<p>Listen to sounds in the local school environment comparing high and low sounds. Sing familiar songs in both low and high voices and talk about the</p>	<p>Play a range of singing games based on the cuckoo interval (so-mi) matching voices accurately, supported by a leader playing the melody. The</p>				



		<p>difference in sound. Explore percussion sounds to explore storytelling. Follow pictures and symbols to guide singing and playing e.g. 4 dots = 4 taps on the drum</p>	<p>melody could be played on a piano, acoustic instrument, or backing track. Sing short phrases independently within a singing game or short song. Respond independently to pitch changes heard in short melodic phrases, indicating with actions (e.g. stand up/sit down, hands high/hands low). Recognise dot notation and match it to 3-note tunes played on tuned percussion.</p>				
<p>Performing including instrumental performance</p>	<p>Pupils play tuned and untuned instruments musically</p>			<p>Develop facility in playing tuned percussion or a melodic instrument such as violin or recorder. Play and perform melodies following staff notation using</p>	<p>Develop facility in the basic skills of a selected musical instrument over a sustained learning period. Play and perform melodies following staff notation using</p>	<p>Play melodies on tuned percussion, melodic instruments or keyboards, following staff notation written on one staff and using notes within</p>	<p>Play a melody following staff notation written on one staff and using notes within an octave range (do-do); make decisions about dynamic range,</p>

				<p>a small range (e.g. do-mi or C-E) as a whole class or in small groups. Use listening skills to correctly order phrases using dot notation, showing different arrangements of notes C-D-E/do-re-mi.</p> <p>Individually (solo) copy stepwise melodic phrases with accuracy at different speeds; allegro and adagio, fast and slow. Extend to question-and-answer phrases</p>	<p>a small range (e.g. Middle C–G/do–so) as a whole-class or in small groups. Perform in two or more parts (e.g. melody and accompaniment or a duet) from simple notation using instruments played in whole class teaching. Identify static and moving parts. Copy short melodic phrases including those using the pentatonic scale (e.g. C, D, E, G, A).</p>	<p>the Middle C–C'/do–do range. This should initially be done as a whole class with greater independence gained each lesson through smaller group performance. Understand how triads are formed, and play them on tuned percussion, melodic instruments or keyboards. Perform simple, chordal accompaniments to familiar songs. Perform a range of repertoire pieces and arrangements combining acoustic instruments to form mixed ensembles, including a school orchestra. Develop the skill of playing by ear on tuned instruments,</p>	<p>including very loud (ff), very quiet (pp), moderately loud (mf), and moderately quiet (mp). Accompany this same melody, and others, using block chords or a bass line. This could be done using keyboards, tuned percussion or tablets, or demonstrated at the board using an online keyboard. Engage with others through ensemble playing with pupils taking on melody or accompaniment roles. The accompaniment, if instrumental, could be chords or a single-note bass line</p>
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						copying longer phrases and familiar melodies.	
Performing: Reading notation				<p>Introduce the stave, lines and spaces, and clef. Use dot notation to show higher or lower pitch. Introduce and understand the differences between crotchets and paired quavers. Apply word chants to rhythms, understanding how to link each syllable to one musical note.</p>	<p>Introduce and understand the differences between minims, crotchets, paired quavers, and rests. Read and perform pitch notation within a defined range (e.g. C–G/do–so). Follow and perform simple rhythmic scores to a steady beat: maintain individual parts accurately within the rhythmic texture, achieving a sense of ensemble</p>	<p>Further understand the differences between semibreves, minims, crotchets and crotchet rests, paired quavers, and semiquavers. Understand the differences between 2/4, 3/4, and 4/4 time signatures. Read and perform pitch notation within an octave (e.g. C–C'/do–do). Read and play short rhythmic phrases at sight from prepared cards, using conventional symbols for known rhythms and note durations</p>	<p>Further understand the differences between semibreves, minims, crotchets, quavers, and their equivalent rests. Further develop the skills to read and perform pitch notation within an octave (e.g. C–C'/do–do). Read and play confidently from rhythm notation cards and rhythmic scores in up to 4 parts that contain known rhythms and note durations. Read and play from notation a four-bar phrase, confidently identifying note</p>



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