

Micklands Primary School

Progression in learning - Music

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Performing	Using their voices to join in with well-known songs from memory. Remembering and maintaining their role within a group performance. Moving to music with instruction to perform actions. Participating in performances to a small audience. Stopping and starting playing at the right time.	Using their voices expressively to speak and chant. Singing short songs from memory, maintaining the overall shape of the melody and keeping in time. Maintaining the pulse (play on the beat) using hands, and tuned and untuned instruments. Copying back short rhythmic and melodic phrases on percussion instruments.	Singing short songs from memory, with melodic and rhythmic accuracy. Copying longer rhythmic patterns on untuned percussion instruments, keeping a steady pulse. Singing back short melodic patterns by ear and playing short melodic pattern notation.	Singing songs in a variety of musical styles with accuracy and control, demonstrating developing vocal technique. Singing and playing in time with peers, with some degree of accuracy and awareness of their part in the group performance.	Singing and playing in time with peers with accuracy and awareness of their part in the group performance. Playing melody parts on tuned instruments with accuracy and control and developing instrumental technique. Playing syncopated rhythms with accuracy, control and fluency.	Singing songs in two or more parts, in a variety of musical styles from memory, with accuracy, fluency, control and expression. Performing with accuracy and fluency from graphic and simple staff notation. Playing a simple chord progression with accuracy and fluency.	Singing songs in two or more secure parts from memory, with accuracy, fluency, control and expression. Performing a solo or taking a leadership role within a performance. Performing with accuracy and fluency from graphic and staff notation and from their own notation. Performing by following a conductor's cues and directions.
Listening	Exploring lyrics by suggesting appropriate actions. Exploring the story behind the lyrics or music. Listening to and following a beat using body	Recognising and understanding the difference between pulse and rhythm. Describing the character, mood, or 'story' of music they listen to, both verbally and through movement.	Recognising structural features in music they listen to. Listening to and recognising instrumentation. Identifying melodies that move in steps.	Understanding that music from different parts of the world has different features. Beginning to show an awareness of metre.	Recognising the use and development of motifs in music. Recognising and discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical		Discussing musical eras in context, identifying how they have influenced each other, and discussing the impact of different composers on the development of musical styles.

	percussion and instruments. Listening to and repeating a simple rhythm. Listening to and repeating simple lyrics. Understanding that different instruments make different sounds and grouping them accordingly.	Describing the differences between two pieces of music. Expressing a basic opinion about music (like/dislike). Listening to and repeating short, simple rhythmic patterns. Listening and responding to other performers by playing as part of a group.	Listening to and repeating a short, simple melody by ear. Suggesting improvements to their own and others' work.		vocabulary (Samba, Rock and Roll). Identifying common features between different genres, styles and traditions of music.		Recognising and confidently discussing the stylistic features of music and relating it to other aspects of the Arts (Pop art, Film music). Identifying the way that features of a song can complement one another to create a coherent overall effect. Evaluating how the venue, occasion and purpose affects the way a piece of music sounds.
Composing	Playing untuned percussion 'in time' with a piece of music. Selecting classroom objects to use as instruments. Experimenting with body percussion and vocal sounds to respond to music. Selecting appropriate instruments to	Selecting and creating short sequences of sound with voices or instruments to represent a given idea or character. Combining instrumental and vocal sounds within a given structure. Creating simple melodies using a few notes.	Selecting and creating longer sequences of appropriate sounds with voices or instruments to represent a given idea or character. Creating simple melodies from five or more notes. Using letter name and graphic notation to represent the	Composing a piece of music in a given style with voices and instruments (Battle Song, Indian Classical, Jazz, Swing). Combining melodies and rhythms to compose a multilayered composition in a given style (pentatonic).	Composing a coherent piece of music in a given style with voices, bodies and instruments. Beginning to improvise musically within a given style. Developing melodies using rhythmic variation, transposition, inversion, and looping.	Composing a detailed piece of music from a given stimulus with voices, bodies and instruments (Remix, Colours, Stories, Drama). Improvising coherently within a given style. Using staff notation to record rhythms and melodies.	Improvising coherently and creatively within a given style, incorporating given features. Composing a multilayered piece of music from a given stimulus with voices, bodies and Instruments. Composing an original song, incorporating lyric writing, melody

		represent action and mood. Experimenting with playing instruments in different ways.		details of their composition. Beginning to suggest improvements to their own work.			Suggesting and demonstrating improvements to own and others' work.	writing and the composition of accompanying features, within a given structure. Recording own composition using appropriate forms of notation and/or technology and incorporating.
The Hi Music	story of				Understanding that music from different times has different features.	Recognising and discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary	Confidently discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music and explaining how these have developed over time.	Discussing musical eras in context, identifying how they have influenced each other, and discussing the impact of different composers on the development of musical styles.
Inter-related Dimensions of Music	Pitch	To understand that what 'high' and 'low' notes are.	To understand that pitch means how high or low a note sounds. To understand that 'tuned' instruments play more than one pitch of notes.	To know that some tuned instruments have a lower range of pitches and some have a higher range of pitches. To understand that a melody is made up from high and low pitched notes played one after the other, making a tune.	To know that the group of pitches in a song is called its 'key' and that a key decides whether a song sounds happy or sad. To understand that a pentatonic melody uses only the five notes C D E G A.	To know that a bass line is the lowest pitch line of notes in a piece of music, and a walking bassline (where patterns of notes go up then down again) is common in rock and roll. To know that 'transposing' a melody means changing its key, making it higher or lower pitched.	To understand that a minor key (pitch) can be used to make music sound sad. To understand that major chords create a bright, happy sound. To know that a 'bent note' is a note that varies in its pitch, eg the pitch may slide up or down.	To know that a melody can be adapted by changing its pitch.

Duration	To recognise that different sounds can be long or short.	To know that rhythm means a pattern of long and short notes.	To know that 'duration' means how long a note, phrase or whole piece of music lasts. To know that the long and short sounds of a spoken phrase can be represented by a rhythm.	To know that different notes have different durations, and that crotchets are worth one whole beat. To know that written music tells you how long to play a note for.	To know that combining different instruments playing different rhythms creates layers of sound called 'texture'. To know that a motif in music can be a repeated rhythm.	To understand that varying effects can be created using only your voice, for example by changing the pitch of the sounds made. To know that the duration of a note or phrase in music can be shown using a repeated symbol or the size of a symbol on a graphic score.	To understand that all types of music notation show note duration, including the Kodaly method which uses syllables to indicate rhythms. To understand that representing beats of silence or 'rests' in written music is important as it helps us play rhythms correctly. To know that a quaver is worth half a beat.
Dynamics	To understand that instruments can be played loudly or softly.	To know that dynamics means how loud or soft a sound is. To understand that sounds can be adapted to change their mood, eg through dynamics.	To know that dynamics can change the effect a sound has on the audience.	To know that the word 'crescendo' means a sound getting gradually louder.	To know that changing the dynamics of a musical phrase or motif can change the texture of a piece of music.	To understand that varying effects can be created using only your voice, for example by changing the dynamic of the sounds made.	To know that a melody can be adapted by changing its dynamics.
Tempo	To recognise music that is 'fast' or 'slow'.	To know that the 'pulse' is the regular beat that	To understand that the tempo of a musical phrase can		To know that playing in time means all	To understand that a slow tempo can	To know that a melody can be adapted by

	To understand that we can match our body movements to the speed (tempo) or pulse (beat) of music.	goes through music. To know that tempo is the speed of the music.	be changed to achieve a different effect.		performers playing together at the same speed.	be used to make music sound sad. To understand that varying effects can be created using only your voice, for example by changing the tempo of the sounds made.	changing its dynamics, pitch or tempo.
Timbre	To know that different instruments can sound like a particular character.	To know that 'timbre' means the quality of a sound; eg that different instruments would sound different playing a note of the same pitch. To know that my voice can create different timbres to help tell a story.	To know that musical instruments can be used to create 'real life' sound effects. To understand an instrument can be matched to an animal noise based on its timbre.	To understand that the timbre of instruments played affect the mood and style of a piece of music.	To know that grouping instruments according to their timbre can create contrasting 'textures' in music.	To understand that human voices have their own individual timbre, and that this can be adapted by using the voice in different ways.	To know that timbre can also be thought of as 'tone colour' and can be described in many ways eg warm or cold, rich or bright.
Texture	To know that music often has more than one instrument being played at a time.	To know that music has layers called 'texture'	To know that a graphic score can show a picture of the layers, or 'texture', of a piece of music.	To know that many types of music from around the world consist of more than one layer of sound; for example a 'tala' and 'rag' in traditional Indian music.	To know that combining different instruments and different rhythms when we compose can create layers of sound we call 'texture'. To understand that harmony means playing two notes at the same time, which usually sound good together.	To understand that a chord is the layering of several pitches played at the same time. To know that polyrhythms means many rhythms played at once.	To understand that texture can be created by adding or removing instruments in a piece and can create the effect of dynamic change.

Structure	To recognise the chorus in a familiar song.	To know that a piece of music can have more than one section, eg a versed and a chorus.	To understand that structure means the organisation of sounds within music, eg a chorus and verse pattern in a song.	To know that in a ballad, a 'stanza' means a verse. To know that some traditional music around the world is based on five notes called a 'pentatonic' scale.	To know that deciding the structure of music when composing can help us create interesting music with contrasting sections. An ostinato is a musical pattern that is repeated over and over; a vocal ostinato is a pattern created with your voice. To understand that musical motifs (repeating patterns) are used as a building block in many well-known pieces of	To know that 12-bar Blues is a sequence of 12 bars of music, made up of three different chords.	To know that a chord progression is a sequence of chords that repeats throughout a song. To know that a 'theme' in music is the main melody and that 'variations' are when this melody has been changed in some way.
Notation	To know that signals can tell us when to start or stop playing.	To understand that music can be represented by pictures or symbols.	To know that 'notation' means writing music down so that someone else can play it I know that a graphic score can show a picture of the structure and / or texture of music.	To understand that 'reading' music means using how the written note symbols look and their position to know what notes to play.	music To know that 'performance directions' are words added to music notation to tell the performers how to play.	To know that simple pictures can be used to represent the structure (organisation) of music. To understand that in written staff notation, notes can go on or between lines, and that the lines show the pitch of the note.	To know that 'graphic notation' means writing music down using your choice of pictures or symbols but 'staff notation' means music written more formally on the special lines called 'staves'. To know that chord progressions are represented in

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