

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Singing						
Begin to understand	Understand how to warm up	Suggest ways to warm up their voices,	-Encourage solo	Solo performances expected	As previous year group	As previous year group and:
warming up their voices and	their voices	based on their prior experiences	performances from	from the class.	and:	
establishing a good singing			children.			Class led call and response.
position (developing basic	Establish a good singing	Establish a good singing position (posture		Class led call and response.	Teacher supported and	
posture with relaxed	position (developing basic	and breathing)	-Teacher led call and		instrumental scaffold 3 part	Class led 3 part melody.
shoulders)	posture with relaxed		response	Class led 2 part melody.	melody.	
	shoulders)	Further develop working together as a				Class led 2 part harmony.
Sing a range of well-known		group, developing confidence to sing	-Teacher supported and	Class led 2 part harmony.	Teacher supported and	
nursery rhymes and songs	Begin to understand working	alone in front of others	instrumental scaffold 2		instrumental scaffold 3 part	Children control their voices
(see Appendix A for	together as part of a group		part melody.	For songs that are sung in	harmony.	through placement, support,
Reception examples)	when singing	Sing songs and chants, including		previous year groups or key		breathing, posture and vowel
		substituting actions for words	-Teacher supported and	stages instrumental scaffold	- Children begin to learn	manipulation.
Sing along on their own or in	Use voices in different ways,		instrumental scaffold 2	is removed and more	how to control their voices	
a small, increasingly	such as singing simple songs,	Sing songs with a pitch range of do-so	part harmony.	complex melodies	through placement,	For songs that are sung in
matching the pitch and	chants and rhymes from	with increasing vocal control		introduced.	support, breathing, posture	previous year groups or key
showing an awareness of the	memory (see Appendix A for		-For songs that are sung		and vowel manipulation.	stages instrumental scaffold is
melody	Y1 examples)	Sing songs with a small pitch range (e.g.	in previous year groups			removed and more complex
D 1 1		Rain, Rain, Go Away), pitching accurately	or key stages		For songs that are sung in	melodies introduced.
Remember and sing entire	Sing a wide range of call and	Know the meaning of dynamics	instrumental scaffold is		previous year groups or key	
songs (i.e. simple nursery	response songs to control vocal	(loud/quiet) and tempo (fast/slow)	removed and more		stages instrumental scaffold	
rhymes and counting songs)	pitch and match the pitch they		complex melodies		is removed and more	
Stop and start following their	hear with accuracy	Demonstrate understanding of dynamics	introduced.		complex melodies	
'conductor' with increasing	Match the mitch and fallow the	and tempo when singing by responding to			introduced.	
accuracy	Match the pitch and follow the melody with increasing	the teacher's (conductor's) direction and				
Song List – Reception -	confidence and accuracy when	visual symbols				
		Stop and start following their 'conductor'				
Copying and remembering lyrics:	singing Stop and start following their	as appropriate, responding to simple				
My School	'conductor' with increasing	visual directions				
Cola Song	accuracy, responding to simple	visual directions				
Rock Vox	visual directions	Song List – Year 2 – Progression in				
Deep Deep	Visual directions	developing diction when singing in				
	Song List - Year 1 – Learning	unison, following the melody:				
	songs in unison (clean entry					
	into phrase) following the	Gospel Medley (Amen, Down By The				
	melody:	Riverside, We Shall Not Be Moved)				
		When the Saints				
	Three Little Birds	Search For The Hero				
	Shosholoza	Blinded By Your Grace				
	Rain Forest	Africa Song – Learning song in unison				
	Africa Song – Learning song in	(rhythmical singing)				
	unison (rhythmical singing)	African chants (African Sanctus – chanted				
	African chants (African	in unison)				
	Sanctus – chanted in unison)					
	You Are My Sunshine					



Playing tuned	l and	untuned	instruments
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rhythmic patterns

Copy and clap short

Copy and repeat holding notes and stopping on direction

Create sounds with different instruments

Practise copying sounds (voices and instruments) to improve accuracy and confidence

Play tuned instruments with a low degree of technical difficulty using colours to differentiate between notes.

Follow the teacher's (conductor's) signs and verbal prompts when playing (colours may be used instead of letter names/sounds)

Talk about what they hear and the sounds they make

Stop and start following their 'conductor' as appropriate

Follow basic rules and instructions to ensure the instruments are looked after

Instruments:

- Keyboard
- Steel Pans
- Ukulele (children play all of the same pieces – use all the strings or a plucked string along to backing tracks)
- Glockenspiels
- Drum kit

Clap rhythmic patterns with increasing independence

Copy and repeat holding notes and stopping on direction (increasing in complexity) Create sounds with different instruments

Talk about the different sounds percussion instruments make

Practise (copy and repeat) and rehearse with a performance in mind

Play instruments with increasing control

Follow the teacher's (conductor's) signs and verbal prompts when playing (letter names/sounds)

Listen carefully to the sounds instruments make and talk about what they notice

Play simple tunes in unison on a range of instruments whilst following direction

Stop and start following their 'conductor' as appropriate

Follow rules and instructions to look after the instruments (resting position, playing position both standing/sitting)

Instruments:

- Keyboard
- Steel Pans
- Ukulele (children play all of the same pieces – use all the

Clap rhythmic patterns and make up some of their own

Copy and repeat holding notes and stopping on direction (increasing in complexity)

Create sounds with different instruments

Play instruments with increasing control

Copy and repeat, practising holding notes and stopping on direction (the range of notes will be widened to include a basic harmony)

Respond to the teacher's (conductor's) signs and verbal prompts when playing (letter names/sounds)

Identify an instrument by listening carefully

Discuss the sounds produced by different percussion instruments and explain preferences

Play simple tunes in unison on a range of instruments at the same time whilst following direction and beginning to use dynamics - loud and soft sections (i.e. steel pans)

Stop and start following their 'conductor' as appropriate

Talk about how we take care of instruments (resting position, playing position both standing/sitting)

Instruments:

- Keyboard
- Steel Pans
- Ukulele (children play all of the same pieces use all the strings or a plucked string along to backing tracks)
- Glockenspiels

Clapping and using body percussion to create rhythmic patterns as a whole class with variety in tempo and speed and recognising this change. Expectation to maintain rhythm over a whole piece with a drum track.

Children will have access to apply these skills on:

- Keyboards
- Glocks
- Steel drums
- Drum kit
- Ukuleles

• Djembe drums

Left hand on ukulele

On tuned instruments they children will use verbal prompts and Makaton signs and letters on the board with a teacher conductor to lead the piece (pointing and saying) to play the piece.

Expectations of use of dynamics to be used where appropriate as taught in previous year group.

Simple harmonies of two parts will be added to pieces played on tuned instruments.

Clapping and using body percussion to create rhythmic patterns as a whole class with variety in tempo and speed and recognising this change. Expectation to maintain the rhythm over a whole piece with instrumental backing.

Children will have access to apply these skills on:
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- Keyboards
- Glocks
- Steel drums
- Drum kit
- Ukeleles

• Djembe drums

Left hand on ukulele

On tuned instruments they children will use letters on the board with a teacher conductor to lead the piece (pointing) to play the piece.

Expectations of use of dynamics to be used where appropriate as taught in previous year group.

Simple harmonies of two parts will be added to pieces played on tuned instruments with greater confidence.

As previous year groups and:

Beginning to use different groups doing different rhythmic patterns to create a polyrhythm with up to 4 groups.

Children will have access to apply these skills on:

- Keyboards
- Glocks
- Steel drums
- Drum kit
- Djembe drums

Left hand on ukulele

On tuned instruments they children will use letters as well as introducing the traditional notation with a teacher conductor to lead the piece (pointing) to play the piece.

Expectations of use of dynamics to be used where appropriate as taught in previous year group.

Complexity of the arrangements of the pieces played will increase through melodic and harmonic complexity with Obligato line and Ostinato line.

As previous year groups and:

As a class confidently use different groups creating different rhythmic patterns to create a polyrhythm with up to 4 groups.

Children will have access to apply these skills on:

- Keyboards
- Glocks
- Steel drums
- Drum kit
- Djembe drums

Left hand on ukulele

On tuned instruments they children will use traditional notation with a teacher conductor to lead the piece (pointing) to play the piece.

Expectations of use of dynamics to be used where appropriate as taught in previous year group.

Complexity of the arrangements of the pieces played will increase through melodic and harmonic complexity with Obligato line and Ostinato line with increased confidence and independence in small groups.



	strings or a plucked string along to backing tracks) • Glockenspiels • Drum kit	Drum kit Djembe drums				
Listening	Drum Mt					
Listen with increased attention to sounds Listen to music from different celebrations e.g. birthdays, weddings, parties, other celebrations, such as Eid, Holi Listen, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses Composers/Artists list - Reception Pachelbel – Canon in D Major Johann Sebastian Bach - Sheep May Safely Graze Beethoven – Ninth Symphony Beatles – Nowhere Man	Listen attentively to a range of recorded and live music, moving in accordance with the mood of the piece (freedom to interpret individually is encouraged) Talk about how the music makes them feel and express their opinions about different musical pieces Understand what makes a good performance and make thoughtful responses Composers/Artists list – Year 1 • Mozart – Eine Kleine Nachtmusik • Johann Sebastian Bach – Air on a G String • Sergei Prokofiev – Lieutenant Kije • Queen – I Want to Break Free	Listen to a recording of a musical performance and offer thoughtful and considered feedback, relating to what they know about tempo, pitch and rhythm Listen to a live performance (African drumming session) and offer thoughtful feedback Composers/Artists list – Year 2 • J S Bach – Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring • Dvorak – New World Symphony • Tchaikovsky – Swan Lake • Robbie Williams - Millennium	Begin to discuss the mood of a piece of music and how this is made through instrument choice, and composition (note: this is more than just happy/sad, children are encouraged to make comparisons about mood e.g. how a music piece sounds darker or brighter). Minor and major. Ask children to identify instruments they hear Children are asked to listen carefully to identify the number of instruments playing, discussing how this effects texture of the pieces Children are beginning to find out about the origin of the music that they are listening to.	Discuss, with more confidence, the mood of a piece of music and how this is made through instrument choice, and composition (note: this is more than just happy/sad, children are encouraged to make comparisons about mood e.g. comparing the mood to weather. Minor and major. Ask children to identify instruments they hear Children to listen to the amount of instruments playing and discuss how this effects texture of the pieces. Children are developing their understanding further about the origin of the music that they are listening to.	As previous year groups and: Pieces that are listened to will have a technical element that they children will then be applying to their own performance and playing. They will begin to identify this in the pieces. When listening children are introduced to the technical aspects of the piece for example: • Concerto • Symphony • Eras in music • Instrument choice • Composition choices • Form (binary and ternary, coda, middle eight, bridge etc) Children are beginning to discuss independently the origin of the music that they are listening to including social and cultural impact of the music.	Children discuss independently the origin of the music that they are listening to including social and cultural impact of the



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Composing						
Experiment with sounds and begin to create pattern Explore, choose and organise sounds and musical ideas with sound Explore and create simple musical sounds with voices and instruments Recognise that sounds can be sorted Identify and sort sounds using simple criteria: loud, quiet Use percussion instruments to create patterns, sounds and combinations in small groups and as a whole class (directed) Follow hand gestures and actions that represent sounds	Make different sounds with their voices and instruments Identify changes in sound Repeat short rhythmic and melodic patterns with increasing accuracy Create musical sound effects and short sequences of sound in response to stimuli (i.e. a woodland walk, a windy day, a journey) Recognise how graphic notation can represent created sounds introduced, for example: Use percussion instruments to create patterns, sounds and combinations in small groups and as a whole class (directed) Use Glockenspiels (and similar tuned percussion instruments) to explore patterns, both rhythmic and melodic	As Y1, plus: Compose their own patterns to be copied or improvised, individually and in group composition Practise being an "orchestra" (some remain silent and others play, or children play different parts) and discuss the overall effect	Children are guided in their composition through restriction of note choice (5 notes) and phrase length (8 beats at a time) Children use rhythm manipulation to alter the phrases that they compose. The children will use traditional notation to record their composition these will include: Crochet Minim Semi breves Rests Time signature for their compositions with always be in 4/4 Each phrase the class comes up with will be but in the class composition to be played as an ensemble and recorded professionally using music technology. These may become a part of their examinations.	As previous but with embedding and more confidence.	Children are guided in their composition through restriction of note choice (an octave) and phrase length (8 beats at a time) Children will confidently discuss the ways in which notes work together: Cadence points and the chords that effect that has on the composition. Children will work on different sections of a song to deepen their understanding of The children will use traditional notation to record their composition these will include a full range of note choices. Time signature for their compositions will be in ¾ or 4/4. Each phrase the class comes up with will be but in the class composition to be played as an ensemble and recorded professionally using music technology. These may become a part of their examinations.	As previous but with embedding and more confidence.
Performing						
Perform songs, with others, with developing confidence and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music	Present what they have learnt to other people with some awareness of an audience	Sing and chant in unison, developing a awareness of diction when singing Practise, rehearse and present performances with an awareness of an audience, performing to staff and	Practise, rehearse and present performances with an awareness of an audience (songs and instruments) with	As all previous year groups as well as: Slow removal of scaffold of the interactive backing track.	Children will begin to change the sound of their instrument (keyboards) the enhance the sound of the performance.	As all previous year groups as well as: Children will be expected to confidently change the sound their instrument (keyboards) to

increasing confidence.

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Present what they have learnt	children in class/another class	children in class/another class (songs and		Perform for the London	Children learn about the	enhance the sound of the
to other people (songs and	(songs and instruments)	instruments)	Remember and explain	College of Music	technical aspects that	performance.
instruments)			the importance of	examinations.	improve a performance –	
	Follow the music teacher's	Remember and explain the importance of	starting and ending		drummer will roll and crash	
Practise starting and ending	(conductor's) signs when	starting and ending together (songs and	together (songs and		and choke to develop a	Perform for the London College
together (songs and	performing as a group (songs	instruments)	instruments) and they		more professional	of Music examinations.
instruments)	and instruments)		will be expected to do so		performance	
		Recognise what makes a good	independently.		-	Children learn about the
Begin to understand what	Recognise visual signs for	performance and offer feedback on the			Discuss clearly and	technical aspects that improve a
makes a good performance	start, stop (songs and	group performance, drawing on their	Children will begin to		confidently what makes a	performance – drummer will
	instruments)	growing knowledge of pulse/beat, rhythm,	lead and conduct the		good performance and offer	roll and crash and choke to
Copy, repeat and practise,		pitch and tempo	class in whole class		feedback on the group	develop a more professional
preparing for a performance	Practise and understand the		performances.		performance, drawing on	performance
	importance of starting and	When performing to the interactive	-		their secure knowledge of	
When performing to the	ending together (songs and	backing track, the track plays for the	Recognise what makes a		pulse/beat, rhythm, pitch	Complete removal of scaffold of
interactive backing track, the	instruments)	whole performance	good performance and		and tempo.	the interactive backing track.
track plays for the whole			offer feedback on the			
performance	Recognise what makes a good	Perform to parents at least twice per year	group performance,		Children will have the	
	performance and begin to	and also perform for the London College	drawing on their secure		opportunity to accompany	
Perform to parents at least	comment on their musical	of Music examination at the end of the	knowledge of pulse/beat,		a vocalist in their	
three times per year	performance as an ensemble	academic year	rhythm, pitch and		performances.	
	(songs and instruments)		tempo.		-	
			_		Removal of more elements	
	When performing to the		Children are introduced		of the scaffold (interactive	
	interactive backing track, the		to the 'level of		backing track).	
	track plays for the whole		performance' (the ability			
	performance		to play something			
			correctly and			
	Perform to parents at least		consistently) and			
	three times per year		improve on this.			
Musicianship						
Pulse/Beat	Pulse/Beat	Pulse/Beat				
Move or clap to a steady beat	Walk, move or clap to a steady	Understand that the speed of the beat can				
with increasing confidence	beat with others, changing the	change, creating a faster or slower pace				
C	speed of the beat as the tempo	(tempo)				
Play repeated patterns using	of the music changes					
body percussion		Mark the beat of a listening piece by				
	Play repeated rhythm patterns	tapping or clapping and recognising				
Copy and respond to the	using body percussion and	tempo as well as changes in tempo				
pulse in recorded or live	classroom percussion					
music through movement		Move or clap in time to the beat of a piece				
_	Play short, pitched patterns on	of music or song				
Rhythm	tuned instruments					
Perform short copycat	(glockenspiels) to maintain a	Know the difference between left and				
rhythm patterns with	steady beat	right to support coordination and shared				
		movement with others				



regular strong beats played on a drum to replicate menacing

footsteps

MUSIC: Knowledge, Skills and Understanding Progression Grid

increasing confidence and Respond to the pulse in accuracy, led by the teacher recorded or live music through Begin to group beats in twos and threes by movement or dance tapping knees on the first (strongest) beat Perform short repeating and clapping the remaining beats. rhythm patterns, developing Rhythm awareness of a steady beat Perform short copycat rhythm Identify the beat groupings in familiar music that they sing regularly and listen to patterns accurately, led by the Pitch teacher Listen carefully to sounds in Rhythm the local school environment Perform short repeating Play copycat rhythms, copying a leader, and identify what has made rhythm patterns (ostinati) and invent rhythms for others to copy on while keeping in time with a untuned percussion them steady beat Perform word-pattern chants Sing familiar songs Perform word-pattern chants: MOTH SPIDER CATERPILLAR Read and Explore percussion sounds to represent experiences or respond to stories chanted rhythm patterns, and begin to MOTH SPIDER CATERPILLAR represent them with stick notation Pitch including crotchets, quavers and crotchets Listen to sounds in the local rests school environment, Create and perform their own chanted comparing high and low sounds rhythm patterns Sing familiar songs in both low Pitch and high voices and talk about Sing short phrases independently within a the difference in sound singing game or short song. Explore percussion sounds to Respond independently to pitch changes enhance storytelling, e.g. heard in short melodic phrases, indicating ascending xylophone notes to with actions (e.g. stand up/sit down, hands high/hands low) suggest Jack climbing the beanstalk / quiet sounds created on a rainstick or shakers to depict a shower /