

Music progression of knowledge and skills

EYFS and KS1

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2
			All year 2 skills are in addition to those in year 1.
Listen and Appraise	To imitate movement in response to music (Expressive Arts and Design - Exploring and suing media and materials - 30-50months) To develop a preference for forms of expression (Expressive Arts and Design - Being imaginative - 30-50 months) To recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools. They select and use technology for particular purposes (Understanding the world – Technology – ELG)	KNOWLEDGE - Know 5 songs off by heart. - Know what the songs are about. - Know and recognise the sound and names of some of the instruments they use. SKILLS - Enjoy moving to music by dancing, marching, being animals or pop stars.	KNOWLEDGE - Know that some songs have a chorus or a response/answer part. - Know that songs have a musical style. SKILLS - Learn how songs can tell a story or describe an idea.
7 Elements of music	To tap out simple repeated rhythms (Expressive Arts and Design - Exploring and suing media and materials - 30-50months)	KNOWLEDGE - Know music has a steady beat, like a heartbeat. - Know that we can create rhythms from words, our names, favourite for, colours and animals. SKILLS - Find the pulse - Listen and copy back short rhythmic phrases based on words, with one and two syllables whilst marching to the steady beat. - Create rhythms for others to copy. - Listen and sing back. Use your voices to copy back using 'la', whilst marching to the steady beat.	KNOWLEDGE - Know that rhythm is different from the steady pulse. - Know that there are high and low sounds (pitch) when we sing and play our instruments.
Singing	To sing a few familiar songs (Expressive Arts and Design - Exploring and suing media and materials - 30-50months) To sing to self and make up simple songs (Expressive Arts and Design - Being imaginative - 30-50 months) To being to build a repertoire of songs and dances (Expressive Arts and Design - Exploring and using media and materials – 40-60 months)	KNOWLEDGE - Confidently sing or rap five songs from memory and sing them in unison. SKILLS - Experiment singing notes of different pitches (high and low). - Explore making different types of sounds with their voices – you can rap or say words in rhythm. - Follow a leader to know when to start and stop singing.	KNOWLEDGE - Know that unison is everyone singing at the same time. - Know that songs include other ways of using the voice e.g. rapping (spoken word). - Know why we need to warm up our voices. SKILLS - Find a comfortable singing position.

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Playing	- To notice what adults do, imitating what is observed and then doing it spontaneously when the adult is not there (Expressive Arts and Design - Being imaginative - 30-50 months) - To explore the different sounds of instruments (Expressive Arts and Design - Exploring and using media and materials – 40-60 months) - To safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function (Expressive Arts and Design – Exploring and using media and materials – ELG)	KNOWLEDGE - Know the names of the notes in their instrumental part from memory or when written down. - Learn the names of the instruments they are playing. SKILLS - Treat instruments carefully and with respect. - Play a tuned instrumental part with a song they perform. - Play an instrumental part that matches their musical challenge. - Listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader.	KNOWLEDGE - Know the names of untuned percussion instruments played in class. SKILLS - Play the part in time with the steady pulse.
Improvisation	- To explore and learn how sounds can be changed (Expressive Arts and Design - Exploring and using media and materials - 30-50months) - To make up rhythms (Expressive Arts and Design - Being imaginative - 30-50 months)	KNOWLEDGE - Know that improvisation is about making up your own tunes on the spot, that it has never been heard before and is not written down. SKILLS - Listen and clap your own answer (rhythms of words). - listen and sing/play back your own answer using one or two notes. - Improvise using one or two notes.	KNOWLEDGE Know that you can improvise on more than one note (up to two notes).
Composition	- To capture experiences and responses with a range of media such as music, dance and paint and other materials or words (Expressive Arts and Design - Being imaginative - 30-50 months) - To create simple representations of events, people and objects (Expressive Arts and Design - Being imaginative 40-60 months) - To 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 (Expressive Arts and Design – Being imaginative – ELG)	KNOWLEDGE - Know composing is like writing a story with music. SKILLS - Compose a simple melody using up to three notes in a group. - Notate their own compositions and change them if necessary.	SKILLS Compose simple melodies with up to 5 notes in a group.
Performance		KNOWLEDGE - Know that a performance is sharing music with other people, called an audience. SKILLS - Choose a song they have learnt and perform it. - Add their ideas to a performance. - Record a performance and say how they were feeling about it.	KNOWLEDGE - Know that a performance can be a special occasion and involve a class, a year group or a whole school. - Know an audience can include your parents and friends.

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	Year 3	Year 4 in addition to year 3	Year 5 in addition to year 4.	Year 6 in addition to year 5.
Listen and Appraise	KNOWLEDGE - Know five songs from memory and who sang them or wrote them. - Know the style of five songs. - Identify a song's lyrics: What the song is about - Identify any musical dimensions featured in a song, and where they are used (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm and pitch) - Identify the main sections of a song (introduction, verse, chorus etc. - Identify some of the instruments they hear in a song. SKILLS - Confidently identify and move to the pulse. - Consider what the words of a song mean. - Discuss in turns how music makes them feel. - Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about music.	KNOWLEDGE - Identify indicators of a songs style (musical characteristics that give the song its style) SKILLS - Discuss musical dimensions working together in songs e.g. if the song gets louder in the chorus (dynamics). - Consider how the music makes them feel. - Use musical vocabulary when discussing music.	KNOWLEDGE - Know five songs from memory, who sang or wrote them, when they were written and, if possible, why? - Know the style of the five songs and to name other songs from the Units in those styles. - Know some of the style indicators of the songs (musical characteristics that give the songs their style) - Identify the historical context of the songs. What else was going on at the time? SKILLS - Identify and move to the pulse with ease. - Identify and discuss the message of songs. - Compare two songs in the same style, talking about what stands out musically in each of them, their similarities and differences. - Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music. - Use musical vocabulary when discussing music. - Discuss the musical dimensions working together in the Unit songs.	KNOWLEDGE - Know and talk about that fact that we each have a musical identity SKILLS - Talk about the music and how it makes you feel, using musical language to describe the music.
7 Elements of music	KNOWLEDGE - Know how to find and demonstrate the pulse - Know the difference between pulse and rhythm. - Know how pulse, rhythm and pitch work together to create a song. - Know that every piece of music has a pulse/steady beat. - Know the difference between a musical question and an answer. SKILLS - Find the Pulse - Clap and say back rhythms with or without notation - Using up to two notes, copy or play back rhythms on instruments with or without notation. - Using up to two notes, create a simple rhythm pattern with or without notation. - Perhaps lead the class using their simple rhythms.	KNOWLEDGE - Know that rhythm is the long and short patterns over the pulse. - Know that pitch is the high and low notes that create a melody. - Know how to keep the internal pulse - Know how to create ideas for the group to copy or respond to.	KNOWLEDGE - Know how pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture and structure work together and how they connect in a song. - Know how to keep the internal pulse SKILLS - Copy back rhythms based on the words of a song, that include syncopation/off beat - Copy back riffs using simple and syncopated rhythm patterns - Copy back riffs by ear with or without notation with up to three notes. - Lead the class by inventing rhythms for others to copy back.	

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Playing Instruments	KNOWLEDGE - Know the instruments used in class (a glockenspiel, a recorder) SKILLS - Treat instruments carefully and with respect. - Play differentiated parts on a tuned instrument (a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of the song) from memory or using notation. - Rehearse and perform their part within a given context. - Listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader.	KNOWLEDGE - Know other instruments they might play or be played in a band or orchestra or by their friends. SKILLS - Experience leading the playing by making sure everyone plays in the playing section of the song.	KNOWLEDGE - Know and discuss different ways of writing music down – e.g. staff notation, symbols. - Know and discuss the notes C, D, E, F, G, A, B + C on the treble stave. SKILLS - Play a musical instrument with the correct technique within a given context. - Select and learn an instrumental part that matches their musical challenge (a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of the song) from memory or using notation. - Lead a rehearsal session.	
Improvisation	KNOWLEDGE - Know improvisation is making up your own tunes on the spot - Know when someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to them - Know that using one or two notes confidently is better than using five - Know that if you improvise using the notes you are given, you cannot make a mistake SKILLS - Listen and sing back. - Listen and play back an improvised answer using up to two notes on an instrument. - Take it in turns to improvise using up to three notes on an instrument.	KNOWLEDGE - Know that you can use riffs from other songs in your own improvisations. SKILLS - Listen and sing back an improvised melodic pattern.	KNOWLEDGE - Know that you can use some of the riffs and licks you have learnt elsewhere in your improvisations. - Know three well-known improvising musicians. SKILLS - Copy back using instruments using up to three notes. - Use question and answer on an instrument using up to three notes (starting on G). - Improvise on up to any three given notes. - Improvise with a feeling for the style of Bossa Nova and Swing using the notes D, E, G, A + B (pentatonic scale/a five-note pattern)	

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Performance	KNOWLEDGE - Know performing is sharing music with other people; an audience. - Know a performance doesn't have to be a drama! It can be to one person or to each other. - Know everything for a performance needs to have been planned and learned. - Know you must sing or rap the words clearly and play with confidence. - Know a performance can be a special occasion and involve an audience including people you don't know. - Know a performance is planned and different for each occasion. - Know a performance involves communicating feelings, thoughts and ideas about the song/music SKILLS - Choose what to perform and create a programme. - Communicate the meaning of the words and clearly articulate them. - Discuss the best place to be when performing and how to stand or sit. - Record performances and say how they were feeling, what they were pleased with what they would change and why.	SKILLS Present a musical performance designed to capture the audience.	SKILLS - To talk about the venue and how to use it to best effect. - To record the performance and compare it to a previous performance. - To discuss and talk musically about it – "What went well?" and "It would have been even better if...?"	

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