Music Curriculum Overview



Music	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
EYFS			
Year 1	 How pulse, rhythm and pitch work together. Pulse, rhythm and pitch, rapping, dancing and singing. Knowledge and Skills To confidently sing or rap five songs from memory and sing them in unison. Learn about voices, singing notes of different pitches (high and low). Learn that they can make different types of sounds with their voices – you can rap or say words in rhythm. Learn to start and stop singing when following a leader. 	 How to be in the groove with different styles of music. Pulse, rhythm and pitch in different styles of music. Learn the names of the instruments they are playing. Treat instruments carefully and with respect. Play a tuned instrumental part with the song they perform. Learn to play an instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts (a one-note part, a simple part, medium part). Listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader. 	 Using your imagination. The history of music, look back and consolidate your learning, learn some of the language of music. Improvisation is about making up your own tunes on the spot. To make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to them. Improvise.
Year 2	 To know five songs off by heart. To know some songs have a chorus or a response/answer part. To know that songs have a musical style. 	 To know that music has a steady pulse, like a heartbeat. To know that we can create rhythms from words, our names, favourite food, colours and animals. Rhythms are different from the steady pulse. We add high and low sounds, pitch, when we sing and play our instruments. 	 Learn about voices singing notes of different pitches (high and low). Learn that they can make different types of sounds with their voices – you can rap (spoken word with rhythm). Learn to find a comfortable singing position. Learn to start and stop singing when following a leader
Year 3	 To know the style of the five songs. To choose one song and be able to talk about: O Its lyrics: what the song is about O Any musical dimensions featured in 	To know the style of the five songs. • To choose one song and be able to talk about: O Its lyrics: what the song is about O Any musical dimensions featured in the	 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

Year 4	the song, and where they are used (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm and pitch) O Identify the main sections of the song (introduction, verse, chorus etc.) O Name some of the instruments they heard in the song To know five songs from memory and who sang them or wrote them. To know the style of the five songs. To choose one	 song, and where they are used (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm and pitch) Identify the main sections of the song (introduction, verse, chorus etc.) Name some of the instruments they heard in the song To confidently identify and move to the pulse. To talk about the musical dimensions 	 piece of music has a pulse/steady beat. • Know the difference between a musical question and an answer How pulse, rhythm and pitch work together • Pulse: Finding the pulse – the heartbeat of the music
	 song and be able to talk about: Some of the style indicators of that song (musical characteristics that give the song its style). The lyrics: what the song is about. Any musical dimensions featured in the song and where they are used (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm and pitch). Identify the main sections of the song (introduction, verse, chorus etc). Name some of the instruments they heard in the song. 	 working together in the Unit songs eg if the song gets louder in the chorus (dynamics). Talk about the music and how it makes them feel. Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music. When you talk try to use musical words. 	 Rhythm: the long and short patterns over the pulse Know the difference between pulse and rhythm Pitch: High and low sounds that create melodies How to keep the internal pulse Musical Leadership: creating musical ideas for the group to copy or respond to
Year 5	 To know five songs from memory, who sang or wrote them, when they were written and, if possible, why? To know the style of the five songs and to name other songs from the Units in those styles. To choose two or three other songs and be able to talk about: Some of the style indicators of the songs (musical characteristics that give the songs their style) The lyrics: what the songs are about 	 To identify and move to the pulse with ease. To think about the message of songs. To 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. When you talk try to use musical words. To talk about the musical dimensions working together in the Unit songs. 	 Know and be able to talk about: How pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture and structure work together and how they connect in a song How to keep the internal pulse Musical Leadership: creating musical ideas for the group to copy or respond to

	 O Any musical dimensions featured in the songs and where they are used (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm and pitch) O Identify the main sections of the songs (intro, verse, chorus etc.) O Name some of the instruments they heard in the songs O The historical context of the songs. What else was going on at this time? 	 Talk about the music and how it makes you feel. 	
Year 6	 Know and be able to talk about: How pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture and structure work together and how they connect in a song How to keep the internal pulse Musical Leadership: creating musical ideas for the group to copy or respond to 	 Know and be able to talk about: How pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture and structure work together and how they connect in a song How to keep the internal pulse Musical Leadership: creating musical ideas for the group to copy or respond to 	 How pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture and structure work together to create a song or music How to keep the internal pulse Musical Leadership: creating musical ideas for the group to copy or respond to
Year 7	 How to play a 5-note melody and harmony part on the xylophone How to sing simple songs in a group How to evaluate your work Various keywords and how to put them into practise during performance How to play a 5-note melody and harmony part on the piano How to sing simple songs in a group How to read basic notation and understand the note values How to evaluate your work Various keywords and how to put them into practise during performance 	 How to play various rhythms on the Djembe How to maintain a steady pulse How to chant and play rhythms at the same time How to perform within a musical group How to improvise and compose various rhythms The cultural context of the music How to evaluate your work Various keywords and how to put them into practise during performance How to play a drone, pentatonic scale and Gamelan melody How to perform within a musical group 	 How to play an octave melody and simple chord part on the piano To play a simple chord sequence on the ukulele To play a hi hat and snare rhythm To perform in a musical group How to read basic notation and understand the note values To understand song structure and the instruments used in a pop band How to evaluate your work Various keywords and how to put them into practise during performance How to use the programme garage band How to add sounds to a video game sequence How to compose sounds for a video game sequence

Year 8	• Blues	 How to improvise and compose a melody using the pentatonic scale The cultural context of the music How to evaluate your work Various keywords and how to put them into practise during performance Reggae 	 How to evaluate your work Various keywords and how to put them into practise during video editing Pop music
	Rock n Roll	Calypso/Samba	Pachelbel Canon
Year 9	Ballad Pop	Нір Нор	Salsa music Dance remix
Year 10	Introduction to course units:	Developing the course units	Developing the course units
	Sequencing	Sequencing	Sequencing
	Performance Skills	Performance Skills	Performance Skills
		Music Industry	• Music Industry
	Make a garage band manual explaining the		
	features including screen shots.	Make videos explaining the sequencing techniques used to make your arrangement	Develop your arrangements using production techniques and samples
	Make a short arrangement of Pachelbel's	on garage band	
	Canon or 'All of Me' by John Legend		Create a video or written diary tracking your
		Organise a performance piece that contrasts	rehearsal process and exercises techniques used to
	Organise a performance piece setting weekly targets	in style with what you studied in term 1	develop your performances
		Make revision notes on the following areas of	Make revision notes on practice exam papers and
	Manual must be finished by half	the music industry	grade boundaries for the exam
	term	 Networking/Starting out in the industry 	
		Performance Unions	Final exam JUNE for music industry
		 Promotion/Production/Publishing & 	Current diary logs must be complete and
	Developing the course units	broadcasting companies	exercise chart must be filled in
	Sequencing		
	Performance Skills	Videos must be finished by half term.	Developing the course units
		Examination on exam content studied	Sequencing
	Introducing the course units	so far	Performance Skills
	Music industry		

		units	
	Make a more sophisticated arrangement	Sequencing	Develop your arrangements using production
	using production techniques and samples	Performance Skills	techniques and samples
		Music Industry	
	Development your performance pieces	Develop your arrangements using production	Develop your video or written diaries tracking your
	setting weekly targets	techniques and samples	rehearsal process and exercises techniques used to develop your performances
	Make revision notes on the following areas	Development your performance pieces setting	
	of the music industry • Roles in the music industry	weekly targets	Production arrangements must be complete
	Venue/Concert management	Make revision notes on the following areas of	Current diary logs must be complete and exercise
	Roles at a venue	the music industry	chart must be filled
		Marketing & Media	
	Performance must be finished by half term.	Hire/Transport companies	Formal performance and recording of two pieces
	Examination on exam content studied so far	Relationships and management structures in the workplace	studied this year
		Performance must be finished by half term.	
		Examination on exam content studied so far	
Year 11	Introduction to course units:	Developing course units:	Finalizing course units:
	 Managing a music product 	 Managing a music product 	 Managing a music product
	Performance Skills	Performance Skills	Performance Skills
			Sequencing
	Create Concert plans thinking about	Create your Concert organising the following	
	Target audience	 Announcement of auditions 	Ensuring all paperwork and supporting evidence for
	Artistic Intention	Auditions	each unit is presentable and ready to send to the
		Concert date	examiner
	Developing course units:		
	 Managing a music product 	Developing course units:	
	Performance Skills	 Managing a music product 	Revision
		Performance Skills	
	Create your Concert organising the following		
	 Performer rehearsals/auditions 	Create a concert review of your product	
	Promotion	considering	
	Communication	 Strengths/weaknesses of process/product 	

	 Effectiveness of planning Management of working relationships Use of resources available 	
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