



**Skills Progression Document  
Music**

**Year 1 and 2**

**Year 3 and 4**

**Year 5 and 6**

**Performing**

- Use their voices expressively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes.
- Play tuned and untuned instruments.
- Rehearse and perform with others (for example, starting and finishing together, keeping to a steady pulse).

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**Listening**

- To listen with concentration to a range of high quality live and recorded music and to internalise and recall sounds with increasing aural memory.
- Experience how the combined musical elements of pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture and silence can be organised and used expressively within simple structures (for example, beginning, middle, end).
- Experience how sounds can be made in different ways (for example, vocalising, clapping, by musical instruments, in the environment) and described using given and invented signs and symbols.

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<b>Creating</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Experiment with &amp; create musical patterns.</li> <li>Explore, choose and organise sounds and musical ideas.</li> <li>Explore and express their ideas and feelings about music using movement, dance and expressive and musical language.</li> <li>Make improvements to their own work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvise and develop rhythmic and melodic material when performing.</li> <li>Explore, choose, combine and organise musical ideas within musical structures.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvise and develop rhythmic and melodic material when performing.</li> <li>Explore, choose, combine and organise musical ideas within musical structures.</li> </ul>
<b>Knowledge and Understanding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyse and compare sounds.</li> <li>Explore and explain their own ideas and feelings about music using movement, dance, expressive language and musical vocabulary.</li> <li>Improve their own and others' work in relation to its intended effect.</li> <li>Use and understand staff and other musical notations.</li> <li>Develop an understanding of the history of music.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyse and compare sounds.</li> <li>Explore and explain their own ideas and feelings about music using movement, dance, expressive language and musical vocabulary.</li> <li>Improve their own and others' work in relation to its intended effect.</li> <li>Use and understand staff and other musical notations.</li> <li>Develop an understanding of the history of music.</li> </ul>
<b>Musical Element: Pitch</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify high and low sounds.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine upwards and downwards direction in listening, performing and moving.</li> <li>Recognise and imitate melody patterns in echoes.</li> <li>Show the overall contour of melodies as moving upwards, downwards or staying the same.</li> <li>Determine movement by step, by leaps or by repeats.</li> <li>Perform simple melody patterns.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify short phrases and long phrases.</li> <li>Identify the prominent melody patterns in a piece of music.</li> <li>Improvise a melodic pattern.</li> <li>Improvise a melody.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Musical Element: Duration</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Respond to sounds of different duration.</li> <li>▪ Recognise the difference between long and short sounds.</li> <li>▪ Copy simple patterns of sound of long and short duration.</li> <li>▪ Recognise the difference between steady beat and no beat.</li> <li>▪ Identify similar rhythmic patterns.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Indicate the steady beat by movement, including during a silence.</li> <li>▪ Respond to changes in the speed of the beat.</li> <li>▪ Respond to the strong beats whilst singing.</li> <li>▪ Use instruments to keep a steady beat.</li> <li>▪ Hold a beat against another part.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Perform rhythmic patterns and ostinati (<i>repeated melody lines</i>).</li> <li>▪ Identify a silence in a rhythmic pattern with a gesture.</li> <li>▪ Create rhythmic patterns including silences and notate.</li> <li>▪ Indicate strong and weak beats through movements.</li> <li>▪ Recognise a metre (<i>the way beats are grouped</i>) of 3 or 4.</li> <li>▪ Recognise a change in metre.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Musical Element: Dynamics</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Differentiate between loud sounds, quiet sounds and silence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recognise differences in dynamic levels.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recognise crescendo (<i>gradually getting louder</i>) and diminuendo (<i>grad. getting quieter</i>).</li> <li>▪ Assess the appropriateness of dynamic choices such as accents (<i>sudden loud notes, or sudden quiet notes</i>).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Musical Element: Temp</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identify the differences between fast and slow tempos.</li> <li>▪ Identify the tempo of music as fast, moderate, slow, getting faster or getting slower.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identify the differences between fast and slow tempos.</li> <li>▪ Identify the tempo of music as fast, moderate, slow, getting faster or getting slower.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identify the differences between fast and slow tempos.</li> <li>▪ Identify the tempo of music as fast, moderate, slow, getting faster or getting slower.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Musical Element: Timbre</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recognise the difference between singing and speaking.</li> <li>▪ Recognise the difference between wood, metal, skin (<i>drum</i>) and 'shaker' sounds.</li> <li>▪ Match selected sounds with their pictured source.</li> <li>▪ Explore the different kinds of sound that my singing and speaking voice can make.</li> <li>▪ Identify different voices by their vocal qualities.</li> <li>▪ Use sound words or phrases to describe selected sounds and the ways in which they are produced.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Describe and aurally identify the tone colours of instruments.</li> <li>▪ Compare instrumental tone colour.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identify groupings of instruments – e.g. strings, woodwind, orchestra, and rock band.</li> <li>▪ Recognise the instruments heard in a piece of music.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Musical Element: Texture</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recognise a song with an accompaniment and one without accompaniment.</li> <li>▪ Determine one strand of music or more</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recognise the difference between thick (<i>many sounds</i>) and thin (<i>few sounds</i>) textures.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Understand the process by which a round (<i>one melody, sung/played by groups starting at different times e.g. 'London's</i></li> </ul>

	<p>than one strand.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recognise changes in texture.</li> <li>▪ Identify the melodic line in a texture.</li> <li>▪ Recognise rhythm on rhythm in music.</li> <li>▪ Recognise the difference between unison (<i>one same pitched sound</i>) and harmony (<i>various pitched sounds at the same time</i>).</li> </ul>	<p><i>Burning</i>) works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identify the various and varying textures in a round.</li> <li>▪ Show how rounds and canons (<i>more than one melody line, sung/played on top of each other by groups starting at different times e.g. 'Pachelbel's Canon'</i>) are constructed.</li> <li>▪ Understand how the texture might vary in a song.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Musical Element: Structure</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Understand the form of cumulative (<i>a song with a simple melody that changes each verse e.g. 'The Wheels on the Bus', '12 Days of Christmas'</i>) songs.</li> <li>▪ Recognise that the sections of a piece of music sound the same or different.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recognise call and response form.</li> <li>▪ Differentiate between the contrasting sections of a song.</li> <li>▪ Recognise the difference between the verse and refrain of a song.</li> <li>▪ Recognise binary (<i>one melody labeled 'A' is followed by a new melody labeled 'B' = AB melody form</i>) and ternary (<i>one melody labeled 'A' is followed by a new melody labeled 'B' which then goes <u>back</u> to melody A = ABA melody form</i>) form.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identify binary and ternary form from notational devises.</li> <li>▪ Identify binary and ternary form when listening.</li> <li>▪ Identify rondo (a form which always returns back to the first 'A' melody line e.g. ABACADAE etc) form.</li> </ul>