

Music Skills Progression

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Singing	Songs We Know	Learn a wider range of songs, eg	As Y1 and:	Sing tunefully and with expression	As Y3	Evaluate and improve their own	As Y6 and:
	Circle songs & games	assembly, topic	Sing with increasing	Sing with		performance	Take a leading role in school singing:
	Exploring different ways of using voice	Sing pitches 'Soh, Mi, Doh, Re, La' in tune	confidence in a variety of contexts Improvise short	awareness of the audience Maintain their own		Sing a wide range of songs including in 2 & 3 parts, from different cultures &	have a sense of passing down our songs to younger ones by being
	Repeat short phrases	Learn & perform Nativity songs	phrases using pentatonic sol-fa	part in rounds and part singing		times in history	good singing role models
	Sing pitches 'Soh, Mi, Doh' with hand signs Learn & perform		Control the voice for effect, e.g. dynamics, tempo	Sing from notation		Have a 'repertoire' of songs they can sing to performance level	Perform with confidence in the leaver's musical
	Nativity songs		, ,				
Dalcroze & Eurhythmy (listening, appraising,	Use body percussion and different ways of	As Rec and:	As Y1 and: Use sticks, balls, &	As KS1 and: Take part in	As Y3 and Compose &	As Y4 and: Be able to compose	As Y5 and: be able to sight read
notation)	moving to show a steady beat.	Use instruments to keep steady beat, and to	scarves to show response to rhythm in a variety	increasingly complex rhythm activities	perform rhythmic ostinato as part of larger	their own responses to music using Dalcroze	simple, short phrases from standard notation
	Respond to the piano by moving as	accompany singing.	of music including their own	Be able to	compositions and to accompany	apparatus (sticks, bean bags, cups,	
	suggested by the sound, exploring Pitch & Tempo	Imitate short rhythms	compositions Take part in	maintain their own part in polyrhythms	singing Standard notation: as before and	balls, hoops, scarves) Be able to move to	



	Use scarves & balls to respond to music		rhythmic passing games Recognise and perform from standard notation crotchets, quavers, crotchet rests	Be able to keep a steady beat when performing rhythmic ostinato from standard notation	minims and semibreves	dotted and syncopated rhythms and then play them Standard notation: as before and: dotted crotchets & quavers, tied notes	
Composing (Notation)	Explore the timbres (sounds) of different instruments Use 'Lighthouse conducting', 'Hoop' & 'Lego' composition to play with different orders and combinations of sound & silence Make simple graphic scores and be able to play from a symbol or cue.	Continue to explore timbre and choose appropriate instruments to compose music to tell a story or to accompany a picture Record on graphic scores	As Y1 and: Improvise short phrases on tuned and non-tuned percussion.	Work in groups to compose short pieces of music based on story or mood, or inspired by one of the 10 Pieces, or class topic work (e.g. 'Rivers') Work with the pentatonic scale to compose short pieces Compose short recorder pieces in their heads and perform to the class	As Y3 and: Structure their music in sections in e.g: ABA form to create longer, more musical pieces. Include the musical elements for greater effect: Tempo, Pitch, Timbre, Dynamics	Use their understanding of the Musical Elements: Tempo, Pitch, Rhythm, Timbre, Texture, Structure & dynamics to compose a range of music for a purpose. Structure music in Rondo form Use graphic notation and standard notation to record these	As Y5 and Compose and play an 8 bar recorder piece using standard notation



						Reflect on and improve their work Compose for the recorder using standard notation	
Recorder Karate (Notation & Performing)	Use the recorder as any other instrument in class music activities	As Rec	Learn the notes BAG & correct breathing without reference to standard notation	Begin Recorder Karate. By end of Y3 know how to play from standard notation BAG with a good, even sound (Orange Belt)	Achieve RK Purple belt-notes BAGED	Achieve RK Red Belt-notes BAG F#ED	Achieve RK Black Belt-notes DCBAGF#ED
Ensemble Playing (performing)	Be able to start and stop from visual or written cues Be able to listen when others are playing Explore the different ways of playing the percussion instruments, tuned &	Follow the direction of a conductor to begin and stop playing Begin and end each piece with quiet Continue to use all the school	Learn to play simple 3 note tunes on the tuned percussion Begin to play the recorder	Understand the importance of discipline when playing in class ensemble, and the need for private practise when learning to play an instrument Play the recorder with their class in assembly and at	As Y3 and Have a sense of the audience Consider the musical elements when improving their performance	As Y4 and Be able to keep going if they make a mistake Be able to 'come in' and finish independently Perform with accuracy and a sense of style	As Y4 and: Perform their recorder compositions in assembly



Listening	untuned	instruments and focus on correct technique		the school concert Perform their small group compositions regularly in class and evaluate their work and that of other groups			
Whole school 2014/15: In the Hall of the Mountain King (Grieg) Zadok the Priest (Handel) (Ten pieces to be covered by everyone	The Snowman, Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy	As Rec	AS Rec	10 pieces Vivaldi recorder concerto Evelyn Glennie	10 Pieces	Plainsong-Allegri, Hildegard Von Bingen 10 pieces Si Si Si Missa Luba	As Y5
on a 4 year rolling programme) Stevie Wonder Oxygene IV (Jarre) History of Music	Share the songs we	Share the songs	Be aware of our	Know the context	Know the context	Know the context	Know the context



know Know that we sing special songs on	we all know and talk about where we know them from: home,	seasonal cycle of songs in assembly	in which Handel wrote Zadok the priest			
special occasions:	nursery, the				Know how	
birthdays/Christmas	playground etc				standard notation	Watch 'Without
			Know the history of the recorder		was invented	movement there is no rhythm'
					Understand the 2	,
					broad strands of	Trace origins of
					music ('classical'	pop music from
					and folk or pop)	African work songs
					and the influence	(also sea shanties),
					of religious music	slave songs,
					Listen to & discuss music from	spirituals, gospel, rhythm & blues etc
					medieval, baroque,	
					classical & 20 th	
					century western music	