Music Progression of Skills

Essential Skills for all children every year

- A rapidly widening repertoire which they use to create original, imaginative, fluent and distinctive composing and performance work.
- A musical understanding underpinned by high levels of aural perception, internalisation and knowledge of music, including high or rapidly developing levels of technical expertise.
- Very good awareness and appreciation of different musical traditions and genres.
- An excellent understanding of how musical provenance the historical, social and cultural origins of music contributes to the diversity of musical styles.
- The ability to give precise written and verbal explanations, using musical terminology effectively, accurately and appropriately.
- A passion for and commitment to a diverse range of musical activities.

	Early Years	Y1	Y2		Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Use of voice expressively and creatively	Sing echo songs and perform movements to a steady beat. Explore singing at different speeds and pitch to create moods and feelings. Discover how to use the voice to create loud and soft sounds.	Explore the use of the voice in different ways such as speaking, singing and chanting. Discover how the voice can produce rhythm and pulse, high and low (pitch) to create different effects. Find out how to sing with expression, confidence and creativity to an audience.	Sing with a sense of the shape of a melody. To represent sounds with symbols. To improvise in making sounds with the voice. Perform songs using creativity and expression and create dramatic effect.	Play and Perform	Sing in tune. Perform simple melodic and rhythmic parts. Improvise repeated patterns. Beginning to understand the importance of pronouncing the words in a song well. Start to show control in voice. Perform with confidence.	Sing in tune with awareness of others. Improvise repeated patterns growing in sophistication. Sing songs from memory with accurate pitch. Show control in voice. Play notes on instruments with care so they sound clear. Perform with control and awareness of what others in the group are singing or playing.	Create songs with an understanding of the relationship between lyrics and melody. Whilst performing by ear and from notations, I maintain my own parts with awareness of how the different parts fit together and the need to achieve an overall effect. Breathe well and pronounce words, change pitch and show control in singing. Hold a part in a round. Sustain a drone or melodic ostinato to accompany singing. Play an accompaniment on an instrument (e.g. glockenspiel, bass drum or cymbal).	Perform significant parts from memory and from notations with awareness of my own contribution. Refine and improve my own work. Sing or play from memory with confidence, expressively and in tune. Perform alone and in a group, displaying a variety of techniques. Take turns to lead a group. Sing a harmony part confidently and accurately.

Play tuned and	Play instruments	Play instruments	Perform simple	Improvise and	To compose simple	Compose music that	Use the venue and sense of	Improvise melodic and
untuned	to a steady beat.	showing an	patterns and	Compose	music that combines	combines several layers	occasion to create	rhythmic material within
instruments	to a steady beat.	awareness of	accompaniments	Music	musical elements.	of sound in a group.	performances that are well	given structures.
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	to hold and play	others.	steady pulse.		Carefully choose	Awareness of the effect	appreciated by the addience.	Show thoughtfulness in
	an instrument	Repeat and	steady puise.		sounds to achieve an	of several layers of	Compose by developing ideas	selecting sounds and
	with care.	'	D		effect.	sound.	within musical structures.	o .
	with care.	investigate	Recognise and		errect.	sound.	within musical structures.	structures to convey an
	E - I II -	simple beats and	explore how				1	idea.
	Explore the	rhythms.	sounds can be		Order my sounds to	Compose and perform	Improvise melodic and	
	different sounds		organised.		help create an	melodies and songs.	rhythmic phases as part of a	Create my own musical
	instruments	Learn to play			effect.	(Including using ICT for	group performance.	patterns.
	make.	sounds linking	Respond to			example; ipads).		
	-	with symbols.	starting points		Create short musical		Improvise within a group.	Use a variety of different
	Choose an		that have been		patterns with long	Use sound to create		musical devices including
	instrument to	Understand how	given Understand		and short sequences	abstract effects.		melody, rhythms, and
	create a specific	to play an	how to control		and rhythmic			chords.
	sound.	instrument with	playing a musical		phrases.	Recognise and create		
		care and	instrument so			repeated patterns with		
		attention.	that they sound,			a range of instruments.		
			as they should.					
						Create accompaniments		
						for tunes.		
						Carefully choose order,		
						combine and control		
						sounds with awareness		
						of their combined		
						effect.		
Listen with	Express feelings	Choose sounds to	Notice how music	Listen with	To notice and	To notice, analyse and	Notice and explore the	Notice, comment on and
concentration and	in music by	represent	can be used to	attention to	explore the way	explore the way sounds	relationship between sounds.	compare the use of
understanding	responding to	different things	create different	detail and	sounds can be	can be combined and		musical devises.
	different moods	(ideas, thoughts,	moods and	range of live	combined and used	used expressively.	Notice and explore how	
	in a musical	feelings, moods	effects and to	and recorded	expressively.		music reflects different	Notice, comment on and
	score.	etc.).	communicate	music.		To comment on	intentions.	compare the relationship
			ideas.		Listen to different	musicians use of		between sounds.
	Listen to music	Reflect on music			types of composers	technique to create		
	and respond by	and say how it	Listen and		and musicians.	effect.		Notice, comment on,
	using hand and	makes people	understand how					compare and explore how
	whole body	feel, act and	to improve own					music reflects different
	movements.	move.	composition.					intentions.
	Listen to different	Respond to	Sort composers in					
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	sounds (animal	different	to different					
	noise, water etc.)	composers and	genres and					
	and respond with							

	voice and movement.	discuss different genres of music.	instruments in to different types.					
Experiment and create sounds	Choose different instruments, including the voice, to create sound effects in play. Investigate a variety of ways to create sound with different materials. Experiment performing songs and music together with body movements to a steady beat.	Create a sequence of long and short sounds with help, including clapping longer rhythms. Investigate making sounds that are very different (loud and quiet, high and low etc.). Explore own ideas and change as desired.	Choose carefully and order sounds in a beginning, middle and end. Use sounds to achieve an effect. (including use of ICT) Create short musical patterns. Investigate long and short sounds Explore changes in pitch to communicate an idea.	Use and understand staff and other Musical notation.	Know how many beats are in a crotchet and minim.	Learn to read music during music lessons. Use Staff and musical notation when composing work. Know how many beats in a minim, crotchet and semibreve and I recognise their symbols. Know the symbol for a rest in music, and use silence for effect in my music	Know and use standard musical notation of crotchet, minim and semibreve. To indicate how many beats to play. Read the musical stave and can work out the notes, EGBDF and FACE. Draw a treble clef at the correct position on the stave.	Use of a variety of notation when performing and composing. Compose music for different occasions appropriate musical devises. Quickly read notes and know how many beats they represent. Use a range of words to help describe music. (e.g. pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, and silence. Describe music using musical words and use this to identify strengths and weaknesses in music.
				Appreciate and understand a wide range of live and recorded music.	Begin to recognise and identify instruments being played. Comment on likes and dislikes. Recognise how musical elements can be used together to compose music.	Begin to recognise and identify instruments and numbers of instruments and voices being played. Compare music and express growing tastes in music. Explain how musical elements can be used together to compose music.	Compare and evaluate different kinds of music using appropriate musical vocabulary. Explain and evaluate how musical elements, features and styles can be used together to compose music	Analyse and compare musical features choosing appropriate musical vocabulary. Explain and evaluate how musical elements, features and styles can be used together to compose music.
				Develop an understanding of the history of music.	Describe the different purposes of music throughout	Understand that the sense of occasion affects the performance.	Understand the different cultural meanings and purposes of music, including contemporary culture.	Notice and explore how music reflects time, place and culture.

		history and in other cultures. Understand that the sense of occasion affects the performance.	Combine sounds expressively	Use different venues and occasions to vary my performances.	Understand and express opinions on the different cultural meanings and purposes of music, including contemporary cultural.
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