



EYFS	KS1	KS2
Early Learning Goals	National Curriculum	National Curriculum
 Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs; Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music. Share their creations, explaining the process they have used 	 Pupils should be taught to: use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes play tuned and untuned instruments musically listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music. 	 Pupils should be taught to: play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory use and understand staff and other musical notations appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians develop an understanding of the history of music.

Key Skills	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Performing	Sing in a group or on	Use their voices	Use their voices	Sing and play in unison	Sing longer songs in a	Sing songs in two or	Sing songs in two or
	their own, increasingly	expressively to speak	expressively when	and in parts with peers,	variety of musical	more parts, in a variety	more secure parts from
	matching the pitch and	and chant.	singing, including the	with some degree of	styles from memory,	of musical styles, from	memory, with
	following the melody.		use of basic dynamics	accuracy and	with accuracy, control,	memory, with	accuracy, fluency,
		Sing short songs from	(loud and quiet).	awareness of their part	fluency and a	accuracy, fluency,	control and expression.
	Learn rhymes, poems	memory, maintaining		in the group	developing sense of	control and expression.	
	and songs.	the overall shape of the	Sing short songs from	performance.	expression including		Work as a group to
		melody and keeping in	memory, with melodic		control of subtle	Work as a group to	perform a piece of
		time.	and rhythmic accuracy.	Develop instrumental	dynamic changes.	perform a piece of	music, adjusting the
				skills and techniques,		music, adjusting	interrelated
		Maintain the pulse	Copy longer rhythmic	responding to aural	Sing and play in time	dynamics and pitch	dimensions of music as
		(play on the beat) using	patterns on untuned	and visual instructions	with peers, with	according to a graphic	required, keeping in
		hands, and tuned and	percussion	in a performance.	accuracy and	score, keeping in time	time with others and
		untuned instruments.	instruments, keeping a		awareness of their part	with others and	communicating with
			steady pulse.		•		the group.





		Copy back short rhythmic and melodic phrases on percussion instruments. Respond to simple musical instructions such as tempo and dynamic changes as part of a class performance. Perform from graphic notation.	Perform expressively, using timbre to alter sounds as appropriate. Sing back short melodic patterns by ear and play short melodic patterns from letter notation.	Perform from basic staff notation, incorporating rhythm and pitch, and be able to identify these symbols using musical terminology. Start to develop rehearsal and practice routines and strategies in preparation for a performance	in the group performance. Play melody parts on tuned instruments with accuracy and control and developing instrumental technique. Play syncopated rhythms with accuracy, control and fluency. Play simple chord sequences. Perform from basic staff notation, incorporating rhythm and pitch and identifying these symbols using musical terminology.	communicating with the group. Perform with accuracy and fluency from graphic and simple staff notation. Playing a simple chord progression with accuracy and fluency	Perform a solo or take a leadership role within a performance.
Listening	Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses. Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound.	Recognise and understand the difference between pulse and rhythm. Understand that different types of sounds are called timbres. Recognise basic tempo, dynamic and pitch changes (faster/slower,	Recognise timbre changes in music they listen to. Recognise structural features in music they listen to. Listen to and recognise instrumentation. Begin to use musical vocabulary to describe music.	Discuss stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary. Understand that music from different parts of the world and different times have different features.	Recognise the use and development of motifs in music. Identify gradual dynamic and tempo changes within a piece of music. Recognise and discuss the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary.	Recognise and discuss confidently the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary, and explaining how these have developed over time. Represent the features of a piece of music using graphic notation and colours,	Identify the way that features of a song can complement one another to create a coherent overall effect. Use musical vocabulary correctly when describing and evaluating the features of a piece of music.





		louder/quieter &		Recognise and		justifying choices	Discuss musical eras
		higher/lower).	Identify melodies	explain the changes	Identify common	with reference to	in context,
			that move in steps.	within a piece of	features between	musical vocabulary.	identifying how they
		Describe the		music using musical	different genres,		have influenced each
		character, mood, or	Listen to and repeat	vocabulary.	styles and traditions	Compare, discuss	other, and discussing
		'story' of music they	a short, simple	Describe the timbre,	of music.	and evaluate music	the impact of
		listen to, both	melody by ear.	dynamic and textural		using detailed	different composers
		verbally & through		details of a piece of	Recognise, name and	musical vocabulary.	on the development
		movement.	Suggest	music, both verbally	explain the effect of		of musical styles.
			improvements to	and through	interrelated	Develop confidence	
		Describe the	their own and	movement.	dimensions of music.	in using detailed	Evaluate how the
		differences between	others' work.			musical vocabulary	venue, occasion and
		two pieces of music.		Begin to show an	Identify scaled	to discuss and	purpose affect the
				awareness of metre.	dynamics	evaluate their own	way a piece of music
		Express a basic			(crescendo/decresce	and others' work.	sounds.
		opinion about music		Recognise and begin	ndo) within a piece		
		(like/dislike)		to discuss changes	of music.		Confidently use
				within a piece of	Use musical		detailed musical
		Listen to and repeat		music.	vocabulary to discuss		vocabulary (related
		short, simple		Begin to use musical	the purpose of a		to the inter-related
		rhythmic patterns.		vocabulary (related	piece of music.		dimensions of music)
				to the inter-related			to discuss and
		Listen and respond		dimensions of music)	Use musical		evaluate their own
		to other performers		when discussing	vocabulary (related		and others' work.
		by playing as part of		improvements to	to the interrelated		
		a group.		their own and	dimensions of music)		
				others' work.	when discussing		
					improvements to		
					their own and		
					others' work.		
Composing	Explore and engage	Select and create	Select and create	Compose a piece of	Compose a coherent	Compose a detailed	Compose an original
_	in music making and	short sequences of	longer sequences of	music in a given style	piece of music in a	piece of music from	song, incorporating
	dance, performing	sound with voices or	appropriate sounds	with voices and	given style with	a given stimulus with	lyric writing, melody
	solo or in groups.	instruments to	with voices or	instruments.	voices, bodies and	voices, bodies and	writing and the
		represent a given	instruments to		instruments.	instruments.	composition of
		idea or character.	represent a given	Combine melodies &		Improvise coherently	accompanying
			idea or character.	rhythms to compose		within a given style.	





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	instrumental and	and layer several	composition in a	musically within a	Combine rhythmic	given structure.
	vocal sounds within	instrumental and	given style.	given style.	patterns (ostinato)	
	a given structure.	vocal patterns within			into a multi-layered	Record own
	Create simple	a given structure.	Use letter name and	Develop melodies	composition using all	composition using
	melodies using a few	Create simple	rhythmic notation	using rhythmic	the inter-related	appropriate forms of
	notes.	melodies from 5 or	(graphic or staff),	variation,	dimensions of music	notation and/or
		more notes.	and key musical	transposition,	to add musical	technology.
	Choose dynamics,		vocabulary to label	inversion and	interest.	
	tempo and timbre	Choose appropriate	and record their	looping.		
	for a piece of music.	dynamics, tempo	compositions.		Use staff notation to	
		and timbre for a		Create a piece of	record rhythms and	
	Create a simple	piece of music.	Suggest and	music with at least 4	melodies.	
	graphic score to		implement	different layers and a		
	represent a	Use letter names and	improvements to	clear structure.	Select, discuss and	
	composition.	graphic notation to	their own work,		refine musical	
		represent details of	using musical	Use letter name,	choices both alone	
	Begin to make	their composition.	vocabulary.	graphic and rhythmic	and with others,	
	improvements to			notation and key	using musical	
	their work as	Begin to suggest		, musical vocabulary	vocabulary with	
	suggested by the	improvements to		to label and record	confidence.	
	teacher.	their own work.		their compositions.	Suggest and	
					demonstrate	
				Suggest	improvements to	
				improvements to	their own and	
				others' work, using	others' work.	
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