Robert Arkenstall Primary School Key Stage 1 and 2 Progression of Skills Music

Learning Strand EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
'Performing' focus Singing Singing Sing a large repertoire of songs. Pupils should be taught to: Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes. Key Stage 2 N.C Pupils should be taught to: Sing and play musically with increasing confidence and control. Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voice with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression. Sing a large repertoire of songs. Expressive Arts and Design Remember and sing entire songs Sing the pitch of a tone sung by another person (pitch match) Sing the melodic shap (moving melody such as up and down. Reception Communication and language Learn rhymes, poems and songs. Expressive Arts and Design Sing in a group or on their own, increasingl matching the pitch and following the melody Use their voice to speak/chant/ sing	Sing songs with some control of Breathing Tuning Clarity of words Different moods of song e.g happy, sad, angry	Sing a range of songs and perform to an audience • With accuracy of pitch • With clear words • Understanding of when to breathe • Control over dynamics (loud and soft) and tempo • With some coordinated actions	Sing songs from different times and place with confidence, some from memory. Sing with a wider range of dynamics Control pitch and tuning accurately with the range of an octave but mainly moving by step. Sing with awareness of the shape of the melody, phrasing in the song and the character and style of the song Copy back phrases with accuracy in rhythm and pitch Understand why posture, breathing and diction are important in singing Sing a round in two parts with an awareness of the	Sing using breathing to support longer phrases. Sing with musical expression and use of subtle dynamics. Sing confidently as part of a small group or as a solo. Control pitch and tuning accurately within the range of an octave mainly moving by step.	Sing confidently in a wide variety of styles, songs from memory with accurate pitch, fluency, control and expression Sing using breathing to support longer phrases and good diction Sing songs in two or more parts with an awareness of the other performers in the group and how their part fits in.	Sing confidently a wide variety of styles, songs from memory with accurate pitch, fluency, control and expression. Songs with a wider range than an octave. Sing using expression and a sense of shape and direction. An even tone across the dynamic range with clear open vowel sounds. Sing songs in two or more secure parts with an awareness of how the parts fit together and how their part fits in.

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'Performing' focus Playing an instrument Key stage 1 N.C. Pupils should be taught to: Play tuned and untuned instruments musically. Key stage 2 N.C. Pupils should be taught to: Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression.	3-4 year olds Expressive Arts and Design Play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas. Reception Expressive Arts and Design Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups. Explore different sounds created on tuned and untuned percussion instruments. Clap back a simple rhythm.	Maintain a pulse using tuned or untuned percussion. Copy back a rhythm pattern. Control playing to be able to produce the longest, shortest, quietest, loudest note. Follow hand signals for start/stop and quieter/louder. Perform from graphic notation. Explore the different sounds that can be produced from a range of instruments.	Maintain a pulse at different tempi. Copy back longer rhythmic phrases (can use one note on a tuned percussion instrument) keeping a steady pulse. Perform expressively changing dynamics and timbre to alter sounds as appropriate Follow hand signals from a leader for pitch getting higher and lower or staying the same. Perform from graphic notation which shows changes in duration and dynamics.	Perform from basic staff notation including rhythm and pitch. Crotchets and minims. Using G, A, B on a recorder and a range of 5 notes on the tuned percussion. Play simple Samba rhythms using Samba instruments.	Perform from basic staff notation including rhythms and pitch. Crotchets, minims, semi breve and quavers. Including symbols for time signatures, rests and repeats. Be able to identify these using music terminology. Control basic recorder playng technique e.g tonguing Pitch the first 5 recorder notes accurately G, A, B, C, D Play more complex Samba rhythms which include some syncopation. Be able to follow the leader (conductor) to make accurate entries and endings.	Perform from basic staff notation and graphic notations including rhythms and pitch. Crotchets, minims, semi breve, quavers and dotted rhythms. Be able to identify these using music terminology. Learn to play a basic 3 chord, chord sequence Control basic recorder/ukulele playing for a range of an octave or 3 chords. Play syncopated Samba rhythms whilst maintaining a pulse.	Perform from basic staff notation and graphic notations including rhythms and pitch. Crotchets, minims, semi breve, quavers and dotted rhythms. Be able to identify these using music terminology. Control basic recorder technique for a range of an octave or Ukulele technique for up to 6 chords. Play complex Samba rhythms following the leader for accurate entries and exits.
'Performing' focus Playing with others (Ensemble skills)		Sing and play in time with others in unison.	Sing and play in time with others in unison.	Singing and playing in time with others in an ensemble with some awareness of their part in the ensemble performance.	Singing and playing in time with others in the group with awareness of their part in the ensemble.	Working as a group to perform a piece of music, adjusting dynamics and pitch to enhance the performance. Keep in time with others in the group.	Working as a group to perform a piece of music adjusting the interrelated elements of music as required. Keep in time with others in the group. Communicating with others in the

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'Composing' focus	3-4 year olds Expressive Arts and Design	Select and create short sequences of sound with voices or	Create and combine sounds to illustrate a picture or character.	Compose pieces of music within a given style with voices and	Compose coherent pieces of music within a given style using voices,	Compose a more detailed piece of music from a given stimulus.	Improvise coherently and creatively within a given style.
Key stage 1 N.C. Pupils should be taught to:	Create their own songs, or improvise a song around one they	instruments to represent a given idea or character.	Successfully combine instrumental and vocal	instruments. Explore and combine	bodies and instruments. Begin to improvise	Improvise coherently within a given style	Compose multi layered pieces of
Experiment with, create, select and sounds using the	know. Reception	Combine instrumental and vocal sounds within	sounds within a given structure.	melodies and rhythms to compose multi layered compositions.	musically within a given style (for example, pentatonic blues)	(blues) Combine rhythmic and	music from a given stimulus using bodies, voices and
inter-related dimensions of music.	Expressive Arts and Design Create collaboratively,	a given structure. Create simple melodies	Create simple melodies using 5 or less notes.	Use letter name and graphic notation to	Create pieces of music with at least 3 different	melodic patterns (ostinato) in to a multi layered composition	instruments. Develop melodic and
Key stage 2 N.C. Pupils should be	sharing ideas, resources and skills Explore, use and refine	using a few notes Choose suitable	Choose appropriate dynamics, tempo, and timbre for a piece of	represent their pieces. Suggest and	layers. Use letter, graphic and	Using staff notation to record rhythms and	rhythmic ideas using changes in dynamics, pitch and tempo.
taught to: Improvise and compose music for	a variety of instruments to express their ideas and	dynamics, tempo and timbre for a piece of music.	music. Use letter name and	implement improvements to their own and others work.	some staff notation to label and record their compositions.	melodies. Select, discuss and	Record compositions using appropriate
a range of purposes using the inter- related dimensions	feelings Make a range of sounds using their	Create a simple graphic score to represent	graphic notation to represent their composition.		Suggest improvements to their own and others	refine musical choices both individually and as part of an ensemble.	notation.
of music.	voice and classroom percussion instruments.	notation.	Begin to suggest improvements for their		work.	Suggest improvments to others work using	
	Represent sounds in pictures.		own work.			music vocabulary.	
'Listening and Appraising' focus	3-4 year olds Expressive Arts and Design Listen with increased	Recognise the difference between pulse and rhythm.	Recognise changes in the timbres. Listen to and recognise	Discuss stylistic features of different genres (Samba, Chinese, Blues etc	Identify gradual tempo and dynamic changes within a piece of music.	Confidently recognise the stylistic features of different styles, genres and musical traditions	
'Listening'	attention to sounds Respond to what they have heard, expressing	Listen to pieces of music and move or clap in time to the pulse.	instruments being used. Identify melodies that	Understand that music from different parts of	Recognise stylistic features of music from different styles, genres	Represent pieces of music using graphic	
Key Stage 1 N.C. Pupils should be	their thoughts and feelings (like/dislike)	Show awareness when the mood or character	move by step. Begin to use music	the world have different features.	and traditions. Identify similiarities and	notation Compare, discuss and	
taught to: Listen with concentration and	Reception Expressive Arts and Design	or a piece changes. Express how music	vocabulary to describe music.	Recognise changes in music using music vocabulary e.g the	differences between different genres, styles and traditions	evaluate music using more detailed music vocabulary	
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quality live and recorded music. Key stage 2 N.C. Pupils should be taught to: Appreciate and understand a wide range of high quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians.	Listen carefully to rhymes and songs. Move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses (describe how the music makes them feel) Begin to describe the sounds e.g high/low, loud/quiet	Listen for signals for stop/start		or the dynamics have become quieter. Begin to show an awareness of metre	Describe the interrelated dimensions of music using a music vocabulary. Identify crescendo/diminuendo Use a music vocabulary to discuss and describe the purpose of a piece of music.		
'Listening and Appraising ' focus 'Reading notation' Key stage 2 N.C. Pupils should be taught to: Use and understand staff and other musical notations.		Perform pieces from graphic notation. Perform rhythms following a simple rhythm grid using T and F (T = tree for crotchet) (F = flower for paired quaver)	Perform music from graphic notation and short melodic patterns from letter names.	Understand the stave, lines and spaces and clef. Understand that notes fall on the lines or in the spaces. Understand the difference between crotchets and quavers. Apply word chants to rhythms ensuring that each syllable is linked to each musical note. Read and perform simple notation within 5 notes – pentatonic scale.	Understand the difference between minims, crotchets, paired quavers and rests. Understand the difference between 2/4, ¾ and 4/4 time signatures Read and perform simple notation within 5 notes – pentatonic scale.	Further understand the difference between semibreves, minims, crotchet, paired quavers and crotchet rests. Understand the difference between 2/4, ¾ and 4/4 time signatures. Read and perform pitch notation within an octave including one sharp and one flat.	Further understand the difference between semibreves, minims, crotchets, paired quavers and their equivalent rests. Further develop the skills to read and perform pitch notation within an octave. Read and play simple rhythmic notations.

Inter-related dimensions of music 'Pitch'	High sound Low sound	High sound Low sound	Changes in pitch: Getting higher Getting lower Staying the same	High pitch Low pitch Rising pitch, falling pitch 5 note scale (do – so) Representated by music being vertically higher or lower on the board.	Pentatonic scale 5 note scale (do – so)	Full diatonic scale Blues scale (including flattened blues notes)	Full diatonic scale Blues scale (including flattened blues notes) How a triad is forme of the three primary triads in C major (C major, F major and C major)
Inter-related dimensions of music 'Duration' (pulse and rhythm)	Long sound Short sound	Long sound Short sound	Difference between pulse and rhythm Crotchets/paired quavers	Crotchets Paired quavers Minims Notes lasting for different lengths of time	Crotchets Paired quavers Minims Rests	Crotchets Paired quavers Minims Semibreves Rests Time signatures 4/4 and 3/4	Crotchets Paired quavers Minims Semibreves Rests Time signatures 4/4 and 3/4
Inter-related dimensions of music 'Dynamics'	Loud sound Quiet sound	Loud sound Quiet sound	Changes in dynamics: Getting louder Getting quieter	Loud (forte) Soft (piano) Gradations from very quiet to very loud	Loud (forte) Soft (piano)	Getting louder (crescendo) Getting quieter (diminimuendo)	Getting louder (crescendo) Getting quieter (diminimuendo)
Inter-related dimensions of music 'Tempo'	Slow fast	Slow Fast	Music with a fast pulse Music with a slow pulse	Fast (allegro) Slow (adagio)	Fast (allegro) Slow (adagio)	Getting faster (accelerando) Getting slower (rallantando)	Getting faster (accelerando) Getting slower (rallantando)
Inter-related dimensions of music			Recognise that music can have more than one layer.	Unison Layered, Solo	Duet Melody Accompaniment	Music in 3 parts Music in 4 parts	Music in 3 parts Music in 4 parts
'Texture'							

Inter-related dimensions of music 'Instruments and playing techniques'	Experiment with different sounds through voice, body percussion, classroom instruments. Difference between wood and metal (timbre)	Different sounds created by hitting, blowing, plucking, bowing)	Recognising families of instruments in the orchestra. Recognising some instruments within each family.	Recognising families of instruments in the orchestra. Recognising some instruments within each family. Staccato/legato	Understanding playing techniques such as pizzicato, tremolo, muted brass. Understanding the effect these playing techniques have.	Understanding playing techniques such as pizzicato, tremolo, muted brass. Understanding the effect these playing techniques have.
Inter-related dimensions of music 'Structure'		Repeated patterns	Call and response Echo Repetition Rounds and partner songs	Call and response Echo Repetition Rounds and partner songs	Music with multiple sections. Ostinato Verse and chorus form	Music with multiple sections. Ostinato Verse and chorus form