

Music Progression Pathway

Cycle A	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Singing	<p>Experiment with creating different sounds using their voices</p> <p>Sing and chant in time to the beat</p> <p>Begin to develop confidence in singing</p> <p>Sing familiar tunes back and tap out familiar beats</p>	<p>Sing simple songs, chants and rhymes (e.g. <i>Boom Chicka Boom</i>) from memory</p> <p>Sing collectively and at the same pitch, responding to simple visual directions (e.g. stop, start, loud, quiet) and counting in.</p> <p>Begin with simple songs with a very small range, mi-so (e.g. <i>Hello, How are You</i>), and then slightly wider (e.g. <i>Bounce High, Bounce Low</i>). Include pentatonic songs (e.g. <i>Dr Knickerbocker</i>).</p> <p>Sing a wide range of call and response songs (e.g. <i>Pretty Trees Around the World</i> from <i>Rhythms of Childhood</i>), to control vocal pitch and to match the pitch they hear with accuracy.</p>	<p>Sing songs regularly with a pitch range of do-so with increasing vocal control.</p> <p>Sing songs with a small pitch range (e.g. <i>Rain, Rain Go Away</i>), pitching accurately.</p> <p>Know the meaning of dynamics (loud/quiet) and tempo (fast/slow) and be able to demonstrate these when singing by responding to (a) the leader's directions and (b) visual symbols (e.g. crescendo, decrescendo, pause).</p>	<p>Sing a widening range of unison songs of varying styles and structures with a pitch range of do-so (e.g. <i>Extreme Weather</i>), tunefully and with expression. Perform forte and piano, loud and soft.</p> <p>Perform actions confidently and in time to a range of action songs (e.g. <i>Heads and Shoulders</i>).</p> <p>Walk, move or clap a steady beat with others, changing the speed of the beat as the tempo of the music changes.</p> <p>Perform as a choir in school assemblies.</p>	<p>Sing a broad range of songs from an extended repertoire with a sense of ensemble and performance. This should include observing phrasing, accurate pitching and appropriate style.</p> <p>Sing three-part rounds, partner songs, and songs with a verse and a chorus.</p> <p>Perform a range of songs in school assemblies and in school performance opportunities.</p>	<p>Sing a broad range of songs, including those that involve syncopated rhythms, as part of a choir, with a sense of ensemble and performance. This should include observing rhythm, phrasing, accurate pitching and appropriate style.</p> <p>Continue to sing three- and four-part rounds (e.g. <i>Calypso</i> by Jan Holdstock) or partner songs, and experiment with positioning singers randomly within the group – i.e. no longer in discrete parts – in order to develop greater listening skills, balance between parts and vocal independence.</p> <p>Perform a range of songs as a choir in school assemblies, school performance opportunities and to a wider audience.</p>	
Listening	<p>Listen to short excerpts of music from a variety of styles, genres and traditions</p> <p>Describe sounds they can hear and discuss how the music makes them feel</p>	<p>The teaching and learning of music is enriched by developing pupils' shared knowledge and understanding of the stories, origins, traditions, history and social context of the music they are listening to, singing and playing.</p> <p>Listening to recorded performances should be complemented by opportunities to experience live music making in and out of school. These could include performances by other school ensembles or year groups, or provided by other Music Education Hubs partners, which may include local or national ensembles.</p>					
Improvising	<p>Improvise</p> <p>Make different sounds using one instrument</p> <p>Explore high and low sounds and fast and slow sounds</p> <p>Use music software on the interactive whiteboard or iPad</p> <p>Experiment with the sounds different instruments make.</p>	<p>Improvise</p> <p>Improvise simple vocal chants, using question and answer phrases.</p>	<p>Improvise</p> <p>Create music in response to a non-musical stimulus (e.g. a storm, a car race, or a rocket launch).</p> <p>Work with a partner to improvise simple question and answer phrases, to be sung and played on untuned percussion, creating a musical conversation.</p>	<p>Improvise</p> <p>Become more skilled in improvising (using voices, tuned and untuned percussion and instruments played in whole-class/group/individual/instrumental teaching), inventing short 'on-the-spot' responses using a limited note-range.</p> <p>Structure musical ideas (e.g. using echo or question and answer phrases) to create music that has a beginning, middle and end. Pupils should compose in response to different stimuli, e.g. stories, verse, images (paintings and photographs) and musical sources.</p>	<p>Improvise</p> <p>Improvise on a limited range of pitches on the instrument they are now learning, making use of musical features including smooth (legato) and detached (staccato).</p>	<p>Improvise</p> <p>Improvise freely over a drone, developing sense of shape and character, using tuned percussion and melodic instruments.</p> <p>Improvise over a simple groove, responding to the beat, creating a satisfying melodic shape; experiment with using a wider range of dynamics, including very loud (fortissimo), very quiet (pianissimo), moderately loud (mezzo forte), and moderately quiet (mezzo piano). Continue this process in the composition tasks below.</p>	<p>Improvise</p> <p>Extend improvisation skills through working in small groups to:</p> <p>Create music with multiple sections that include repetition and contrast.</p> <p>Use chord changes as part of an improvised sequence.</p> <p>Extend improvised melodies beyond 8 beats over a fixed groove, creating a satisfying melodic shape.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Composing</p>	<p>Compose</p> <p>Use instruments to create a very basic sound story</p>	<p>Compose</p> <p>Create musical sound effects and short sequences of sounds in response to stimuli, e.g. a rainstorm or a train journey. Combine to make a story, choosing and playing classroom instruments (e.g. rainmaker) or sound-makers (e.g. rustling leaves).</p> <p>Understand the difference between creating a rhythm pattern and a pitch pattern.</p> <p>Invent, retain and recall rhythm and pitch patterns and perform these for others, taking turns.</p> <p>Use music technology, if available, to capture, change and combine sounds.</p> <p>Recognise how graphic notation can represent created sounds. Explore and invent own symbols, for example:</p>	<p>Compose</p> <p>Use graphic symbols, dot notation and stick notation, as appropriate, to keep a record of composed pieces. Use music technology, if available, to capture, change and combine sounds.</p>	<p>Compose</p> <p>Combine known rhythmic notation with letter names to create rising and falling phrases using just three notes (do, re and mi).</p> <p>Compose song accompaniments on untuned percussion using known rhythms and note values.</p>	<p>Compose</p> <p>Combine known rhythmic notation with letter names to create short pentatonic phrases using a limited range of 5 pitches suitable for the instruments being learnt. Sing and play these phrases as self-standing compositions.</p> <p>Arrange individual notation cards of known note values (i.e. minim, crotchet, crotchet rest and paired quavers) to create sequences of 2-, 3- or 4-beat phrases, arranged into bars.</p> <p>Explore developing knowledge of musical components by composing music to create a specific mood, for example creating music to accompany a short film clip.</p> <p>Introduce major and minor chords.</p> <p>Include instruments played in whole-class/group/individual teaching to expand the scope and range of the sound palette available for composition work.</p> <p>Capture and record creative ideas using any of: graphic symbols, rhythm notation and time signatures, staff notation, technology.</p>	<p>Compose</p> <p>Compose melodies made from pairs of phrases in either C major or A minor or a key suitable for the instrument chosen. These melodies can be enhanced with rhythmic or chordal accompaniment.</p> <p>Working in pairs, compose a short ternary piece.</p> <p>Use chords to compose music to evoke a specific atmosphere, mood or environment. For example, <i>La Mer</i> by Debussy and <i>The River Flows In You</i> by Yiruma both evoke images of water. Equally, pupils might create music to accompany a silent film or to set a scene in a play or book.</p> <p>Capture and record creative ideas using any of - graphic symbols, rhythm notation and time signatures, staff notation, technology.</p>	<p>Compose</p> <p>Plan and compose an 8- or 16-beat melodic phrase using the pentatonic scale (e.g. C, D, E, G, A) and incorporate rhythmic variety and interest. Play this melody on available tuned percussion and/or orchestral instruments. Notate this melody.</p> <p>Compose melodies made from pairs of phrases in either G major or E minor or a key suitable for the instrument chosen.</p> <p>Either of these melodies can be enhanced with rhythmic or chordal accompaniment.</p> <p>Compose a ternary piece; use available music software/apps to create and record it, discussing how musical contrasts are achieved.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Musicianship</p>	<p>Pulse/Beat</p> <p>Mark the pulse of a song by clapping</p> <p>Copy simple beats</p> <p>Use body percussion</p> <p>Make different sounds using body percussion</p>	<p>Pulse/Beat</p> <p>Walk, move or clap a steady beat with others, changing the speed of the beat as the tempo of the music changes.</p> <p>Use body percussion, (e.g. clapping, tapping, walking) and classroom percussion (shakers, sticks and blocks, etc.), playing repeated rhythm patterns (ostinati) and short, pitched patterns on tuned instruments (e.g. glockenspiels or chime bars) to maintain a steady beat.</p> <p>Respond to the pulse in recorded/live music through movement and dance,</p>	<p>Pulse/Beat</p> <p>Understand that the speed of the beat can change, creating a faster or slower pace (tempo).</p> <p>Mark the beat of a listening piece (e.g. <i>Bolero</i> by Ravel) by tapping or clapping and recognising tempo as well as changes in tempo.</p> <p>Walk in time to the beat of a piece of music or song (e.g. <i>La Mousisque</i> by Susato). Know the difference between left and right to support coordination and shared movement with others.</p> <p>Begin to group beats in twos and threes by tapping knees on the first (strongest) beat</p>				

			and clapping the remaining beats. Identify the beat groupings in familiar music that they sing regularly and listen to,				
Rhythm Begin to move in time to the music Create rhythms and simple sound patterns in play	Rhythm Perform short copycat rhythm patterns accurately, led by the teacher. Perform short repeating rhythm patterns (ostinati) while keeping in time with a steady beat. Perform word-pattern chants (e.g. ca-ter-pil-lar crawl, fish and chips); create, retain and perform their own rhythm patterns.	Rhythm Play copycat rhythms, copying a leader, and invent rhythms for others to copy on untuned percussion. Create rhythms using word phrases as a starting point (e.g. Hel-lo Si-mon or Can you come and play?). Read and respond to chanted rhythm patterns, and represent them with stick notation including crotchets , quavers and crotchets rests . Create and perform their own chanted rhythm patterns with the same stick notation.					
Pitch Begin to understand how to change pitch and increasingly match pitch to suit the melody of music	Pitch Listen to sounds in the local school environment, comparing high and low sounds. Sing familiar songs in both low and high voices and talk about the difference in sound. Explore percussion sounds to enhance storytelling, Follow pictures and symbols to guide singing and playing, e.g. 4 dots = 4 taps on the drum.	Pitch Play a range of singing games based on the cuckoo interval (so-mi, e.g. <i>Little Sally Saucer</i>) matching voices accurately, supported by a leader playing the melody. The melody could be played on a piano, acoustic instrument or backing track. Sing short phrases independently within a singing game or short song. Respond independently to pitch changes heard in short melodic phrases , indicating with actions (e.g. stand up/sit down, hands high/hands low). Recognise dot notation and match it to 3-note tunes played on tuned percussion , for example:					

<p style="text-align: center;">Performing</p>	<p>Start to name some instruments used</p> <p>Follow a conductor to copy a simple beat</p> <p>Use visual clues to stop and start playing</p> <p>Use instruments to create a very basic sound story</p> <p>Think about what was good and how performances can be improved</p>	<p>See specific areas above</p>	<p>See specific areas above</p>	<p>Instrumental Performance</p> <p>Develop playing tuned percussion or a melodic instrument such as violin or recorder. Play and perform melodies following staff notation using a small range (e.g. Middle C–E/do–mi) as a whole class or in small groups (e.g. trios and quartets).</p> <p>Individually (solo) copy stepwise melodic phrases with accuracy at different speeds; allegro and adagio, fast and slow. Extend to question-and-answer phrases.</p> <p>Reading Notation</p> <p>Introduce the stave, lines and spaces, and clef. Use dot notation to show higher or lower pitch.</p> <p>Introduce and understand the differences between crotchets and paired quavers.</p> <p>Apply word chants to rhythms, understanding how to link each syllable to one musical note.</p>	<p>Instrumental Performance</p> <p>Develop the basic skills of a selected musical instrument over a sustained learning period. (Guitar Project)</p> <p>Play and perform melodies following staff notation using a small range (e.g. Middle C–G/do–so) as a whole-class or in small groups.</p> <p>Perform in two or more parts (e.g. melody and accompaniment or a duet) from simple notation using instruments played in whole class teaching. Identify static and moving parts.</p> <p>Copy short melodic phrases including those using the pentatonic scale (e.g. C, D, E, G, A).</p> <p>Reading Notation</p> <p>Introduce and understand the differences between minims, crotchets, paired quavers and rests.</p> <p>Read and perform pitch notation within a defined range (e.g. C–G/do–so).</p> <p>Follow and perform simple rhythmic scores to a steady beat: maintain individual parts accurately within the rhythmic texture, achieving a sense of ensemble.</p>	<p>Instrumental Performance</p> <p>Play melodies on tuned percussion, melodic instruments or keyboards, following staff notation written on one stave and using notes within the Middle C–C'/do–do range. This should initially be done as a whole class with greater independence gained each lesson through smaller group performance.</p> <p>understand how triads are formed, and play them on tuned percussion, melodic instruments or keyboards. Perform simple, chordal accompaniments to familiar songs (e.g. <i>Yellow Submarine</i> by The Beatles).</p> <p>Perform a range of repertoire pieces and arrangements combining acoustic instruments to form mixed ensembles, including a school orchestra.</p> <p>Develop the skill of playing by ear on tuned instruments, copying longer phrases and familiar melodies.</p> <p>Reading Notation</p> <p>Further understand the differences between semibreves, minims, crotchets and crotchet rests, paired quavers and semiquavers.</p> <p>Understand the differences between 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4 time signatures.</p> <p>Read and perform pitch notation within an octave (e.g. C–C'/do–do).</p> <p>Read and play short rhythmic phrases at sight from prepared cards, using conventional symbols for known rhythms and note durations.</p>	<p>Instrumental Performance</p> <p>Play a melody following staff notation written on one stave and using notes within an octave range (do–do); make decisions about dynamic range, including very loud (f), very quiet (p), moderately loud (mf) and moderately quiet (mp).</p> <p>Accompany this same melody, and others, using block chords or a bass line. This could be done using keyboards, tuned percussion or tablets, or demonstrated at the board using an online keyboard.</p> <p>Engage with others through ensemble playing (e.g. school orchestra, band, mixed ensemble) with pupils taking on melody or accompaniment roles. The accompaniment, if instrumental, could be chords or a single-note bass line.</p> <p>Reading Notation</p> <p>Further understand the differences between semibreves, minims, crotchets, quavers and semiquavers, and their equivalent rests.</p> <p>Further develop the skills to read and perform pitch notation within an octave (e.g. C–C/ do–do).</p> <p>Read and play confidently from rhythm notation cards and rhythmic scores in up to 4 parts that contain known rhythms and note durations.</p> <p>Read and play from notation a four-bar phrase, confidently identifying note names and durations.</p>
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