

Progression in Music Knowledge and Skills

	Voice	Tuned and	d Untuned	Experimenting with Sound			
EYFS N	Use their voices to join in with a few familiar songs e.g. nursery rhymes, everyday routine songs.			Explore many different sound making instruments and objects.			
	Join in with repeated refrains. Begin to match the pitch of a tone sung by another person.			Explore and learn how sounds can be changed e.g. quieter/louder, longer/shorter. Begin to explore how the same instrument can make different sounds by playing it in a different way.			
	Begin to realise the difference between a singing and speaking voice.						
				Develop an awareness of different environmental sounds.			
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	constructed e.g. interelated dimensions of music	appraising					
EYFS	To understand that what 'high' and ' low' notes (sounds)	Responding to music	Using their voices to join	Remembering and	Playing untuned		
-Rec	are.	through movement,	in with well-known songs	maintaining their role	percussion 'in time' with		
		altering movement to	from memory e.g. a	within a simple group	a piece of music.		
	To recognise that different sounds can be long or short.	reflect the tempo,	range of nursery rhymes,	performance.	Colorations also and an		
	To understand that instruments can be played loudly or	dynamics or pitch of the music.	everyday routine songs, call and response songs	Moving to music with	Selecting classroom objects to use as		
	softly.	music.	etc.	instruction to perform	instruments.		
	Softiy.	Exploring lyrics by		actions.	instruments.		
	To know that music can be 'fast' or 'slow'.	suggesting appropriate	Add simple actions to		Experimenting with		
		actions.	well-known songs.	Participating in	body percussion and		
	To understand that we can match our body movements to			performances to a small	vocal sounds to respond		
	the speed (tempo) or pulse (beat) of music.	Exploring the story	Participating in singing	audience.	to music.		
		behind the lyrics or	performances to a small				
	To know that different instruments can sound like a	music.	audience.	Stopping and starting	Selecting appropriate		
	particular character.			playing at the right time.	instruments to		
	To be such at receip often has more than one instrument	Listening to and following			represent action and		
	To know that music often has more than one instrument being played at a time.	a beat using body percussion and			mood.		
	being played at a time.	instruments.			Experimenting with		
	To recognise the chorus in a familiar song.	instrumento.			playing instruments in		
		Considering whether a			different ways.		
	To know that signals can tell us when to start or stop	piece of music is fast,			,		
	playing.	slow or moderate.					

	Understanding that different instruments make different sounds and grouping them accordingly.	Listening to sounds and matching them to the object or instrument. Listening to sounds and identifying high and low pitch. Listening to and repeating a simple rhythm. Listening to and repeating simple lyrics.			
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1	constructed e.g. interelated dimensions of music To know that dynamics means how loud or soft a sound is.	appraising Recognising and understanding the	Using their voices expressively to speak and	Maintaining the pulse (play on the beat) using	Selecting and creating short sequences of
	To know that tempo is the speed of the music.	difference between pulse and rhythm.	chant.	hands, and tuned and untuned instruments.	sound with voices or instruments to
	To know that the 'pulse' is the steady beat that goes through music.	Recognising basic tempo, dynamic and pitch	Singing short songs from memory, maintaining the overall shape of the	Copying back short rhythmic and melodic	represent a given idea or character.
	To know that rhythm means a pattern of long and short notes.	changes (faster/slower, louder/quieter and higher/lower).	melody and keeping in time.	phrases on percussion instruments.	Combining instrumental and vocal sounds within a given structure.
	To understand that pitch means how high or low a note sounds.	Describing the character, mood, or 'story' of music	To know that their voice can create different timbres to help tell a	Responding to simple musical instructions such as tempo and dynamic	Creating simple melodies using a few
	To understand that 'tuned' instruments play more than one pitch of notes.	they listen to, both verbally and through movement.	story.	changes as part of a class performance.	notes. Choosing dynamics,
	To know that 'timbre' means the quality of a sound; e.g. that different instruments would sound different playing a note of the same pitch.	Describing the differences between two pieces of music.		Listening and responding to other performers by playing as part of a group.	tempo and timbre for a piece of music.
	Understanding that different types of sounds are called timbres.	Expressing a basic opinion about music (like/dislike).			
	To understand that sounds can be adapted to change their mood, e.g. through dynamics.	Listening to and repeating short, simple rhythmic			
	To know that music has layers called 'texture'.	patterns.			

Year	To know that a piece of music can have more than one section, e.g. a verse and a chorus. To understand that music can be represented by pictures or symbols. Declarative Knowledge – how music is constructed e.g. interelated dimensions of music	Listening and appraising	Singing	Performing	Composing
2	Understanding simple structural features in music. To know that some tuned instruments have a lower range of pitches and some have a higher range of pitches. To understand that a melody is made up from high and low pitched notes played one after the other, making a tune. To know that 'duration' means how long a note, phrase or whole piece of music lasts. To know that the long and short sounds of a spoken phrase can be represented by a rhythm. To know that dynamics can change the effect a sound has on the audience. To understand that the tempo of a musical phrase can be changed to achieve a different effect. To know that musical instruments can be used to create 'real life' sound effects. To understand an instrument can be matched to an animal noise based on its timbre. To know that a graphic score can show a picture of the layers, or 'texture', of a piece of music. To understand that structure means the organisation of sounds within music, eg a chorus and verse pattern in a song.	Recognising timbre changes in music they listen to. Recognising structural features in music they listen to. Listening to and recognising instrumentation. Beginning to use musical vocabulary when listening to music. Identifying melodies that move in steps. Listening to and repeating a short, simple melody by ear. Listening with intent to their own and others' work in order to suggest improvements.	Singing back short melodic patterns by ear. Singing short songs from memory, with melodic and rhythmic accuracy. Using their voices expressively when singing, including the use of basic dynamics (loud and quiet).	Copying longer rhythmic patterns on untuned percussion instruments, keeping a steady pulse. Performing expressively using dynamics and timbre to alter sounds as appropriate. Playing short melodic patterns from letter notation.	Selecting and creating longer sequences of appropriate sounds with voices or instruments to represent a given idea or character. Successfully combining and layering several instrumental and vocal patterns within a given structure. Creating simple melodies from five or more notes. Choosing appropriate dynamics, tempo and timbre for a piece of music. Using letter name and graphic notation to represent the details of their composition. Beginning to suggest improvements to their own work.

Year	To know that 'notation' means writing music down so that someone else can play it. I know that a graphic score can show a picture of the structure and / or texture of music. Declarative Knowledge – how music is	Listening and	Singing	Performing	Composing
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3	 Know some of the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary (Indian, classical, Chinese, Battle Songs, Ballads, Jazz). Understanding that music from different parts of the world has different features. Begin to understand that metre is the organisation of rhythms into patterns. To know that the group of pitches in a song is called its 'key' and that a key decides whether a song sounds happy or sad. To know that some traditional music around the world is based on five-notes called a 'pentatonic' scale. To understand that a pentatonic melody uses only the five notes C D E G A. To know that different notes have different durations, and that crotchets are worth one whole beat. To know that written music tells you how long to play a note for. To know that the timbre of instruments played affect the mood and style of a piece of music. To know that many types of music from around the world consist of more than one layer of sound; for example a 'tala' and 'rag' in traditional Indian music. To know that in a ballad, a 'stanza' means a verse. To know that music from different places often has different structural features, e.g. traditional Chinese music is based on the five-note pentatonic scale. 	Identify some stylistic features of some different genres, styles and traditions of music (Indian, classical, Chinese, Battle Songs, Ballads, Jazz) when listening to them. Recognising and explaining the changes within a piece of music using musical vocabulary. Describing the timbre, dynamic, and textural details of a piece of music, both verbally, and through movement. Listening with intent to their own and others' work in order to suggest improvements and beginning to use musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) to do so.	Singing songs in a variety of musical styles with accuracy and control, demonstrating developing vocal technique. Singing in time with peers, with some degree of accuracy and awareness of their part in the group performance.	Playing in time with peers, with some degree of accuracy and awareness of their part in the group performance. Performing from basic staff notation, incorporating rhythm and pitch and being able to identify these symbols using musical terminology.	Composing a piece of music in a given style with voices and instruments (Battle Song, Indian Classical, Jazz, Swing). Combining melodies and rhythms to compose a multi-layered composition in a given style (pentatonic). Using letter name and rhythmic notation (graphic or staff), and key musical vocabulary to label and record their compositions. Suggesting and implementing improvements to their own work, using musical vocabulary.

	To understand that 'reading' music means using how the written note symbols look and their position to know what notes to play. Understanding that music from different times has different features.				
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4	 constructed e.g. interelated dimensions of music To know what a motif is in music. To know that a motif in music can be a repeated rhythm. To understand that musical motifs (repeating patterns) are used as a building block in many well-known pieces of music. To know some stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary (Samba, Rock and Roll). To know that a bass line is the lowest pitch line of notes in a piece of music, and a walking bassline (where patterns of notes go up then down again) is common in rock and roll. To know that a glissando in music means a sliding effect played on instruments or made by your voice. To know that combining different instruments playing different rhythms creates layers of sound called 'texture'. To know that playing 'in time' requires playing the notes for the correct duration as well as at the correct speed. To know that changing the dynamics of a musical phrase or motif can change the texture of a piece of music. To know that grouping instruments according to their timbre can create contrasting 'textures' in music. 	appraisingRecognising the use and development of motifs in music.Identifying gradual dynamic and tempo changes within a piece of music.Recognising and discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary (Samba, Rock and Roll).Identifying common features between 	Singing longer songs in a variety of musical styles from memory, with accuracy, control, fluency and a developing sense of expression including control of subtle dynamic changes. Singing in time with peers with accuracy and awareness of their part in the group performance.	 Playing in time with peers with accuracy and awareness of their part in the group performance. Playing melody parts on tuned instruments with accuracy and control and developing instrumental technique. Playing syncopated rhythms with accuracy, control and fluency. To follow 'performance directions' that have been added to music notation to tell the performers how to play. 	Composing a coherent piece of music in a given style with voices, bodies and instruments. Beginning to improvise musically within a given style. Developing melodies using rhythmic variation, transposition, inversion, and looping. Creating a piece of music with at least four different layers and a clear structure. Using letter name, graphic and rhythmic notation and key musical vocabulary to label and record their compositions. Suggesting improvements to others' work, using musical vocabulary.

5 Pitch: music To un happy To un	know that 'performance directions' are words added to usic notation to tell the performers how to play.				
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To un Unde organ Unde patte Crotcl	ch: To understand that a minor key can be used to make usic sound sad. understand that major chords/scales create a bright, opy sound. understand that a chord is the layering of several ches played at the same time. understand how triads are formed. derstand metre in terms of strong and weak beats and ganising beats into a time signature (2/4, 3/4 4/4) derstand visual representation of pulse and rhythm tterns; Graphic scores and notation – Semibreve, Minim, otchet, Quaver, Semiquavers.	Identifying Major and Minor scales. Recognise metre in musical pieces and begin to identify strong and weak beats via clapping and moving. Begin to recognize time signatures (2/4, 3/4 4/4). Play or clap back longer rhythmic patterns up to 4 bars Recognising and confidently discussing the	Tunes with small leaps and more than an octave. Singing songs in two or more parts (e.g. partner songs, rounds and songs with simple countermelody e.g. combining verse over chorus) in a variety of musical styles from memory, with accuracy, fluency, control and expression. Singing increasingly complex rhythms and melodies	Conducting changes of dynamic from piano to forte Conducting beats within simple time signatures. Clarinet: Play with correct posture and hold. Play simple tunes with good tone. Learn to control articulation. Playing musical instruments with control and technique including changes of dynamic, tempo and physical	Composing a detailed piece of music from a given stimulus with voices, bodies and instruments (e.g. remix, colours, stories, drama). Improvise rhythmic patterns up to 4 bars. Improvising coherently within a given style. Composing music using Binary/Ternary/Rondo using all the inter- related dimensions of music to create a mood or effect.

	 Exploring call and response in further detail Understand the value of crotchets, paired quavers, minims, semibreves and semiquavers, in grids and on staves plus, the equivalent rests. To understand that in written staff notation, notes can go on or between lines, and that the lines show the pitch of the note. To understand (and begin to use) music as a vehicle through self-expression; listening, singing, improvised responses from a stimulus Clarinet - How to assemble/ disassemble and take care of instrument. 	 music using musical vocabulary. Comparing, discussing and evaluating music using detailed musical vocabulary. Identifying timbre of orchestral instruments and different vocal styles and discussing in detail why particular pieces may require different timbre. Explore layers of rhythmic and melodic phrases Developing confidence in using detailed musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) to discuss and evaluate their own and others' work. To experience and feel a response to music – refining and controlling 	 importance of breathing in singing. Responding to performance directions To understand that human voices have their own individual timbre, and that this can be adapted by using the voice in different ways. Choosing vocal qualities appropriate to style of music (twang, sob and aspirate) 	 Begin to play in simple parts, keeping in time with others and adjusting dynamics and pitch accordingly. Control changes of tempo within a piece. Learn to play pieces using scales. Play triads on tuned percussion/ melodic instruments. Performing with accuracy and fluency from graphic and simple staff notation Reading and recording crotchets, paired quavers, minims, semibreves and semiquavers, in grids and on staves plus, the equivalent rests. 	Using staff notation to record rhythms and melodies. Selecting, discussing and refining musical choices both alone and with others, using musical vocabulary with confidence e.g. selecting suitable timbre to express a mood, composing using different textures. Suggesting and demonstrating improvements to own and others' work.
		refining and controlling physical movement or sung/played response.			
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6	To know that 'graphic notation' means writing music down using your choice of pictures or symbols but 'staff notation' means music written more formally on the special lines called 'staves' To understand that texture can be created by adding or removing instruments in a piece and can create the effect of dynamic change.	Recognising and confidently discussing the stylistic features of a wide range of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary.	Singing more complex melodies requiring vocal agility. Singing with the appropriate balance between parts.	Playing more complex tunes within an octave using own instrument. Playing musical instruments with refined tone and technique.	Improvising coherently and creatively within a given style and, at times, incorporating given features. Composing a multi- layered piece of music

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Discussing musical eras in context, identifying how they	complement one another	from memory, with	tempo, physical	with voices, bodies and
have influenced each other, and discussing the impact of	to create a coherent	accuracy, fluency, control	expression and	Instruments.
different composers on the development of musical styles.	overall effect.	and expression.	articulation.	
				Developing melodies
To know that a 'theme' in music is the main melody and	Representing changes in	Singing songs with more	Playing in more complex	using rhythmic variation,
that 'variations' are when this melody has been changed in	pitch, dynamics and	complex accompaniment.	parts, working as a group	transposition and
some way.	texture using graphic		to perform a piece of	changes in dynamics,
	notation, justifying their		music, adjusting the	pitch and texture.
To know that a melody can be adapted by changing its	choices with reference to		interrelated dimensions	
dynamics, pitch or tempo.	musical vocabulary.		of music as required,	Recording own
			keeping in time with	composition using
To understand that 'major' key signatures use note pitches	Use a range of musical		others and	appropriate forms of
that sound cheerful and upbeat.	vocabulary correctly		communicating with the	notation and/or
· ·	when describing and		group.	technology and
To understand that 'minor' key signatures use note pitches	evaluating the features of		o .	incorporating dynamics
that can suggest sadness and tension.	a piece of music.		Performing a solo or	and other performance
	Evaluating how the		taking a leadership role	directions.
	venue, occasion and		within a performance.	
	purpose might affect the		·	Constructively critique
	way a piece of music		Performing with accuracy	their own and others'
	sounds.		and fluency from graphic	work, using musical
			and staff notation and	vocabulary.
	Confidently using detailed		from their own notation.	i o caso di di gi
	musical vocabulary			
	(related to the inter-		Performing by following a	
	related dimensions of		conductor's cues and	
	music) to discuss and			
	evaluate their own and		directions.	
	others work.			