



Progression of skills in music

	Early Years	Year 1 and Year 2		Year 3 and Year 4	Year 5 and Year 6
CONTROLLING SOUR	NDS THROUGH SING	ING AND PLAYING - PE	RFORMING SKILLS		
Use voices expressively	Sing phrases and responses from a modelled given phrase.	Pupils will use voice in different ways such as speaking, singing and chanting. Pupils will sing with a sense of the shape of the melody.	Sing songs in unison and two parts	Pupils sing in unison with clear diction, controlled pitch and with a sense of phrase.	Pupils will sing in tune and with expression
Play tuned and untuned instruments	Play instruments with increasing control	Pupils will create and choose sounds. Pupils will perform simple patterns and accompaniments keeping a steady pulse.	Play tuned and untuned instruments with control and rhythmic accuracy	Pupils will perform rhythmically simple parts that use small range of notes.	Pupils will maintain own part and be aware of how the different parts fit together to achieve an overall effect in performances to
Rehearse and perform	Remember and sing	Pupils will think about	Practice, rehearse and		audiences.
with others	entire songs	others when performing.	present performances with an awareness of audience		
		DEAS - COMPOSING SI			
Create musical patterns	Begin to improvise vocal and instrumental patterns e.g. through play	Pupils will repeat short rhythmic and melodic patterns. Pupils will know about and explore sounds.	Improvise, developing rhythmic and melodic material when performing	Pupils will perform rhythmically simple parts that use a short range of notes.	Pupils will improvise melodic and rhythmic phrases as part of a group performance and compose by developing ideas within musical structures.
Explore, choose and organise sounds and musical ideas	Create and improvise around given and known chants and songs.	Pupils will recognise and explore how sounds can be organised. Pupils will choose carefully and order sounds within simple structures such as beginning, middle, end and in response to given starting points.	Explore, choose, combine and organise musical ideas with musical structures	Pupils will join several layers of sound and understand the effect.	

Explore and express	Children experience a	Pupils will respond to	Analyse and compare	Pupils will recognise and	Pupils will describe,
ideas and feelings	variety of musical stimuli	different moods in music	sounds	explore ways sound can	compare and evaluate
about music using	and begin to respond to	and recognise changes in	Explore and explain	be combined and used	different kinds of music
movement, dance and	them.	sound.	ideas and feelings	expressively.	using musical words.
expressive and musical			about music using	' '	3
language			movement, dance and		
			expressive and musical		
			language		
Make improvements to	Children may comment	Pupils will identify what	Improve own and	Pupils will make	Pupils will suggest
own work	on their likes and	improvements could be	others work in relation	improvements to their own	improvements to own and
	dislikes regarding their	made town work and make	to its intended effect	work, and comment on the	others work and comment
	own work.	changes, including altering		effect.	on how this has been
		use of voice, playing of and			achieved.
		choice of instrument.			
LEARNING, AND APPL	YING KNOWLEDGE AN	D UNDERSTANDING			
Listen with concentration	Children will respond to	Pupils will identify simple	Listen with attention to	Pupils will listen to and	Pupils will listen to and
and recall sounds with	given stimuli and	repeated patterns and follow	detail and internalise and	recall repeated patterns.	recall various simple
increasing aural memory	respond, e.g. pitch match,	musical instructions.	recall sounds		musical patterns.
	phrase repeat.				
Know how the combined	Children experience a	Pupils will understand how	Know how the combined	Pupils will understand how	Pupils will identify and
musical elements of	range of musical stimuli.	the musical elements can be used to create different	musical elements of pitch, duration,	different musical elements are combined and used	explore relationships between sounds and how
pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre,		moods and effects.	dynamics, tempo, timbre,	expressively.	music reflects different
texture and silence can		moods and chects.	texture and silence can	CAPICSSIVERY.	meanings.
be organised and used			be organised within		meanings.
expressively with simple			musical structures and		
structures			used to communicate		
			different moods and		
			effects		
Understand that sounds	Children experience a	Pupils will represent sounds	Know that music is	Pupils will use established	Pupils will use a variety of
can be made in different	range of musical stimuli	with simple symbols,	produced in different	notation to represent music,	notations to plan, revise and
ways and described	and may respond to	including shapes and marks.	ways and described	including chords, pitch etc.	refine musical material.
using given and invented	those stimuli.		through relevant		
signs and symbols			invented and established notations		
Know how music is used	Children experience a	Pupils will listen to short	Understand how time	Pupils will listen to music	Evaluate how venue,
for particular purposes	range of musical stimuli.	simple pieces of music and	and place can influence	from different periods, parts	occasion and purpose
Tor particular purposes	.ago or madioar ournall.	talk about when and why	the way music is created,	of the world and comment	affects the way that music is
		they may hear it, such as a	performed and heard.	upon how they differ in	created, performed and
		lullaby.	•	terms of how it is performed	heard.
		_		and how they, as audience,	
				respond to it.	