

Music Skills Progression (Years 1-6)

Year	Listen and Appraisee	Musical Activities					Performance
		Games	Singing	Playing Instruments	Improvisation	Composition	
1	<p>To know 5 songs off by heart.</p> <p>To know what the songs are about.</p> <p>To know and recognise the sound and names of some of the instruments they use.</p> <p>To learn how they can enjoy moving to music by dancing, marching, being animals or pop stars.</p>	<p>To know that music has a steady pulse, like a heartbeat.</p> <p>To know that we can create rhythms from words, our names, favourite food, colours and animals.</p>	<p>To confidently sing or rap five songs from memory and sing them in unison.</p> <p>Learn about voices, singing notes of different pitches (high and low).</p> <p>Learn that they can make different types of sounds with their voices – you can rap or say words in rhythm.</p> <p>Learn to start and stop singing when following a leader.</p>	<p>Learn the names of the notes in their instrumental part from memory or when written down.</p> <p>Learn the names of the instruments they are playing</p> <p>Treat instruments carefully and with respect.</p> <p>Play a tuned instrumental part with the song they perform.</p> <p>Learn to play an instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts (a one-note part, a simple part, medium part).</p> <p>Listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader.</p>	<p>Improvisation is about making up your own tunes on the spot.</p> <p>When someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to them.</p> <p>Everyone can improvise</p>	<p>Composing is like writing a story with music.</p> <p>Everyone can compose.</p> <p>Help to create a simple melody using one, two or three notes.</p> <p>Learn how the notes of the composition can be written down and changed if necessary.</p>	<p>Know that a performance is sharing music with other people, called an audience.</p> <p>Perform a learnt song</p> <p>Add their ideas to the performance.</p> <p>Record a performance and say how they were feeling about it.</p>
2	<p>To know five songs off by heart.</p>	<p>To know that music has a steady pulse,</p>	<p>To confidently know and sing five songs</p>	<p>Learn the names of the notes in their</p>	<p>Improvisation is making up your own</p>	<p>Composing is like writing a story with</p>	<p>A performance is sharing music with</p>

	<p>To know some songs have a chorus or a response/answer part.</p> <p>To know that songs have a musical style.</p> <p>To learn how they can enjoy moving to music by dancing, marching, being animals or pop stars.</p> <p>To learn how songs can tell a story or describe an idea.</p>	<p>like a heartbeat.</p> <p>To know that we can create rhythms from words, our names, favourite food, colours and animals.</p> <p>Rhythms are different from the steady pulse.</p> <p>We add high and low sounds, pitch, when we sing and play our instruments.</p>	<p>from memory.</p> <p>To know that unison is everyone singing at the same time.</p> <p>Songs include other ways of using the voice e.g. rapping (spoken word).</p> <p>To know why we need to warm up our voices.</p> <p>Learn about voices singing notes of different pitches (high and low).</p> <p>Learn that they can make different types of sounds with their voices – you can rap (spoken word with rhythm).</p> <p>Learn to find a comfortable singing position.</p> <p>Learn to start and stop singing when following a leader</p>	<p>instrumental part from memory or when written down.</p> <p>Know the names of untuned percussion instruments played in class.</p> <p>Treat instruments carefully and with respect.</p> <p>Learn to play a tuned instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts (a one-note, simple or medium part).</p> <p>Play the part in time with the steady pulse.</p> <p>Listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader</p>	<p>tunes on the spot.</p> <p>When someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to them.</p> <p>Everyone can improvise, and you can use one or two notes.</p>	<p>music.</p> <p>Everyone can compose.</p> <p>create three simple melodies using one, three or five different notes.</p> <p>Learn how the notes of the composition can be written down and changed if necessary.</p>	<p>an audience.</p> <p>A performance can be a special occasion and involve a class, a year group or a whole school.</p> <p>An audience can include your parents and friends</p> <p>Perform a learnt song</p> <p>Add their ideas to the performance.</p> <p>Record the performance and say how they were feeling about it.</p>
3	<p>To know five songs from memory and who sang them or wrote them.</p> <p>To know the style of the five songs.</p> <p>To choose one song and be able to talk about:</p>	<p>Know how to find and demonstrate the pulse.</p> <p>Know the difference between pulse and rhythm.</p> <p>Know how pulse, rhythm and pitch work together to create a song.</p>	<p>To know and be able to talk about:</p> <p>Singing in a group can be called a choir</p> <p>Leader or conductor: A person who the choir or group follow.</p> <p>Songs can make you feel different things</p>	<p>To know and be able to talk about:</p> <p>The instruments used in class (a glockenspiel, a recorder)</p> <p>To treat instruments carefully and with respect.</p>	<p>To know and be able to talk about improvisation:</p> <p>Improvisation is making up your own tunes on the spot.</p> <p>When someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never</p>	<p>To know and be able to talk about:</p> <p>A composition: music that is created by you and kept in some way. It's like writing a story. It can be played or performed again to your friends.</p>	<p>To know and be able to talk about:</p> <p>Performing is sharing music with other people, an audience.</p> <p>A performance doesn't have to be a drama! It can be to one person or to each other.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Its lyrics: what the song is about. ○ Any musical dimensions featured in the song, and where they are used (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm and pitch) ○ Identify the main sections of the song (introduction, verse, chorus etc.) ○ Name some of the instruments they heard in the song. <p>To confidently identify and move to the pulse.</p> <p>To think about what the words of a song mean.</p> <p>To take it in turns to discuss how the song makes them feel.</p> <p>Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music.</p>	<p>Know that every piece of music has a pulse/steady beat.</p> <p>Know the difference between a musical question and an answer.</p>	<p>e.g. happy, energetic or sad.</p> <p>Singing as part of an ensemble or large group is fun, but that you must listen to each other.</p> <p>To know why you must warm up your voice.</p> <p>To sing in unison and in simple two-parts.</p> <p>To demonstrate a good singing posture.</p> <p>To follow a leader when singing.</p> <p>To enjoy exploring singing solo.</p> <p>To sing with awareness of being 'in tune'.</p> <p>To have an awareness of the pulse internally when singing.</p>	<p>Play any one, or all of four, differentiated parts on a tuned instrument – a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of a song) from memory or using notation.</p> <p>To rehearse and perform their part within the context of a song.</p> <p>To listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader.</p>	<p>been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to them.</p> <p>To know that using one or two notes confidently is better than using five.</p> <p>To know that if you improvise using the notes you are given, you cannot make a mistake.</p> <p>Improvise using instruments in the context of the song they are learning to perform.</p>	<p>Different ways of recording compositions (letter names, symbols, audio etc.)</p> <p>Help create at least one simple melody using one, three or five different notes.</p> <p>Plan and create a section of music that can be performed within the context of the unit song.</p> <p>Talk about how it was created.</p> <p>Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions about pulse, rhythm, pitch, dynamics and tempo.</p> <p>Record the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation)</p>	<p>Know and have planned everything that will be performed.</p> <p>Sing or rap the words clearly and play with confidence.</p> <p>Performance can be a special occasion and involve an audience including of people you don't know.</p> <p>It is planned and different for each occasion.</p> <p>It involves communicating feelings, thoughts and ideas about the song/music.</p> <p>Choose what to perform and create a programme.</p> <p>Communicate the meaning of the words and clearly articulate them.</p> <p>Talk about the best place to be when performing and how to stand or sit.</p> <p>Record a performance and say how they were feeling, what they were pleased with what they would change and why.</p>
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<p>4</p>	<p>To know five songs from memory and who sang them or wrote them. To know the style of the five songs. To choose one song and be able to talk about:</p> <p>Some of the style indicators of that song (musical characteristics that give the song its style).</p> <p>The lyrics: what the song is about.</p> <p>Any musical dimensions featured in the song and where they are used (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm and pitch).</p> <p>Identify the main sections of the song (introduction, verse, chorus etc).</p> <p>Name some of the instruments they heard in the song.</p> <p>Confidently identify and move to the pulse.</p> <p>Talk about the musical dimensions working together in songs eg if the song gets louder in the chorus (dynamics).</p> <p>Talk about the music</p>	<p>Know and be able to talk about:</p> <p>How pulse, rhythm and pitch work together.</p> <p>Pulse: Finding the pulse – the heartbeat of the music.</p> <p>Rhythm: the long and short patterns over the pulse.</p> <p>Know the difference between pulse and rhythm.</p> <p>Pitch: High and low sounds that create melodies.</p> <p>How to keep the internal pulse</p> <p>Musical Leadership: creating musical ideas for a group to copy or respond to.</p>	<p>To know and be able to talk about:</p> <p>Singing in a group can be called a choir.</p> <p>Leader or conductor: A person who the choir or group follow.</p> <p>Songs can make you feel different things e.g. happy, energetic or sad.</p> <p>Singing as part of an ensemble or large group is fun, but that you must listen to each other.</p> <p>Texture: How a solo singer makes a thinner texture than a large group.</p> <p>To know why you must warm up your voice</p> <p>To sing in unison and in simple two-parts.</p> <p>To demonstrate a good singing posture.</p> <p>To follow a leader when singing.</p> <p>To enjoy exploring singing solo.</p> <p>To sing with awareness of being 'in tune'.</p> <p>To rejoin the song if</p>	<p>To know and be able to talk about:</p> <p>The instruments used in class (a glockenspiel, recorder or xylophone).</p> <p>Other instruments they might play or be played in a band or orchestra or by their friends.</p> <p>To treat instruments carefully and with respect.</p> <p>Play any one, or all four, differentiated parts on a tuned instrument – a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of a song from memory or using notation.</p> <p>To rehearse and perform their part within the context of a song.</p> <p>To listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader.</p> <p>To experience leading the playing by making sure everyone plays in the playing section of the song.</p>	<p>To know and be able to talk about improvisation:</p> <p>Improvisation is making up your own tunes on the spot.</p> <p>When someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to them.</p> <p>To know that using one or two notes confidently is better than using five.</p> <p>To know that if you improvise using the notes you are given, you cannot make a mistake.</p> <p>To know that you can use some riffs</p> <p>Improvise using instruments in the context of a song they are learning to perform.</p>	<p>To know and be able to talk about:</p> <p>A composition: music that is created by you and kept in some way. It's like writing a story. It can be played or performed again to your friends.</p> <p>Different ways of recording compositions (letter names, symbols, audio etc.)</p> <p>Help create at least one simple melody using one, three or all five different notes.</p> <p>Plan and create a section of music that can be performed within the context of the unit song.</p> <p>Talk about how it was created.</p> <p>Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions about pulse, rhythm, pitch, dynamics and tempo.</p> <p>Record the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol</p>	<p>To know and be able to talk about:</p> <p>Performing is sharing music with other people, an audience</p> <p>A performance doesn't have to be a drama! It can be to one person or to each other.</p> <p>Know and have planned everything that will be performed.</p> <p>Sing or rap the words clearly and play with confidence.</p> <p>Performance can be a special occasion and involve an audience including of people you don't know.</p> <p>It is planned and different for each occasion.</p> <p>It involves communicating feelings, thoughts and ideas about the song/music</p> <p>Choose what to perform and create a programme.</p> <p>Present a musical performance designed to capture the audience.</p>
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	<p>and how it makes them feel.</p> <p>Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music.</p> <p>When you talk, try to use musical words.</p>		<p>lost.</p> <p>To listen to the group when singing.</p>			<p>(e.g. graphic/pictorial notation).</p> <p>Communicate the meaning of the words and clearly articulate them.</p> <p>Talk about the best place to be when performing and how to stand or sit.</p> <p>To record the performance and say how they were feeling, what they were pleased with what they would change and why</p>	
5	<p>To know five songs from memory, who sang or wrote them, when they were written and, if possible, why?</p> <p>To know the style of the five songs and to name other songs from the Units in those styles.</p> <p>To choose two or three other songs and be able to talk about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some of the style indicators of the songs (musical characteristics that give the songs their style) ○ The lyrics: what the songs are about ○ Any musical dimensions featured in the songs and where they are used (texture, dynamics, 	<p>Know and be able to talk about:</p> <p>How pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture and structure work together and how they connect in a song.</p> <p>How to keep the internal pulse.</p> <p>Musical Leadership: creating musical ideas for the group to copy or respond to.</p>	<p>To know and confidently sing five songs and their parts from memory, and to sing them with a strong internal pulse.</p> <p>To choose a song and be able to talk about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Its main features ○ Singing in unison, the solo, lead vocal, backing vocals or rapping. ○ To know what the song is about and the meaning of the lyrics. ○ To know and explain the importance of warming up your voice. <p>To sing in unison and to sing backing vocals.</p> <p>To enjoy exploring</p>	<p>To know and be able to talk about:</p> <p>Different ways of writing music down – e.g. staff notation, symbols.</p> <p>The notes C, D, E, F, G, A, B + C on the treble stave.</p> <p>The instruments they might play or be played in a band or orchestra or by their friends.</p> <p>Play a musical instrument with the correct technique within the context of a song.</p> <p>Select and learn an instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts –</p>	<p>To know and be able to talk about improvisation:</p> <p>Improvisation is making up your own tunes on the spot</p> <p>When someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to them.</p> <p>To know that using one or two notes confidently is better than using five.</p> <p>To know that if you improvise using the notes you are given, you cannot make a mistake.</p> <p>To know that you can use some of the riffs you have heard in</p>	<p>To know and be able to talk about:</p> <p>A composition: music that is created by you and kept in some way. It's like writing a story. It can be played or performed again to your friends.</p> <p>A composition has pulse, rhythm and pitch that work together and are shaped by tempo, dynamics, texture and structure</p> <p>Notation: recognise the connection between sound and symbol</p> <p>Create simple melodies using up to five different notes and simple rhythms that work musically</p>	<p>To know and be able to talk about:</p> <p>Performing is sharing music with other people, an audience.</p> <p>A performance doesn't have to be a drama! It can be to one person or to each other.</p> <p>Everything that will be performed must be planned and learned.</p> <p>You must sing or rap the words clearly and play with confidence.</p> <p>A performance can be a special occasion and involve an audience including of people you don't know.</p> <p>It is planned and</p>

	<p>tempo, rhythm and pitch)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identify the main sections of the songs (intro, verse, chorus etc.) ○ Name some of the instruments they heard in the songs ○ The historical context of the songs. What else was going on at this time? <p>To identify and move to the pulse with ease.</p> <p>To think about the message of songs.</p> <p>To compare two songs in the same style, talking about what stands out musically in each of them, their similarities and differences.</p> <p>Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music.</p> <p>When you talk try to use musical words.</p> <p>To talk about the musical dimensions working together in the Unit songs.</p> <p>Talk about the music and how it makes you feel.</p>		<p>singing solo. To listen to the group when singing.</p> <p>To demonstrate a good singing posture.</p> <p>To follow a leader when singing.</p> <p>To experience rapping and solo singing.</p> <p>To listen to each other and be aware of how you fit into the group.</p> <p>To sing with awareness of being 'in tune'</p>	<p>a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of the song from memory or using notation.</p> <p>To rehearse and perform their part within the context of a song.</p> <p>To listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader.</p> <p>To lead a rehearsal session.</p>	<p>the Challenges in your improvisations.</p> <p>To know three well-known improvising musicians</p> <p>Improvise using instruments in the context of a song to be performed.</p>	<p>with the style of the a song.</p> <p>Explain the keynote or home note and the structure of the melody.</p> <p>Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions about how the melody connects with the song.</p> <p>Record the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation).</p>	<p>different for each occasion.</p> <p>A performance involves communicating ideas, thoughts and feelings about the song/music</p> <p>To choose what to perform and create a programme.</p> <p>To communicate the meaning of the words and clearly articulate them.</p> <p>To talk about the venue and how to use it to best effect.</p> <p>To record the performance and compare it to a previous performance.</p> <p>To discuss and talk musically about it – "What went well?" and "It would have been even better if...?"</p>
6	To know five songs	Know and be able to	To know and	To know and be able	To know and be able	To know and be able	To know and be able

<p>from memory, who sang or wrote them, when they were written and why?</p> <p>To know the style of the songs and to name other songs from the Units in those styles.</p> <p>To choose three or four other songs and be able to talk about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The style indicators of the songs (musical characteristics that give the songs their style) ○ The lyrics: what the songs are about. ○ Any musical dimensions featured in the songs and where they are used (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm, pitch and timbre) ○ Identify the structure of the songs (intro, verse, chorus etc.) ○ Name some of the instruments used in the songs ○ The historical context of the songs. What else was going on at this time, musically and historically? ○ Know and talk about that fact that we each have a musical identity <p>To identify and move</p>	<p>talk about:</p> <p>How pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture and structure work together to create a song or music.</p> <p>How to keep the internal pulse.</p> <p>Musical Leadership: creating musical ideas for the group to copy or respond to</p> <p>Using the Warm up Games tracks provided, complete the Bronze, Silver and Gold Challenges.</p>	<p>confidently sing five songs and their parts from memory, and to sing them with a strong internal pulse.</p> <p>To know about the style of the songs so you can represent the feeling and context to your audience.</p> <p>To choose a song and be able to talk about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Its main features. ○ Singing in unison, the solo, lead vocal, backing vocals or rapping. ○ To know what the song is about and the meaning of the lyrics. ○ To know and explain the importance of warming up your voice. <p>To sing in unison and to sing backing vocals.</p> <p>To demonstrate a good singing posture.</p> <p>To follow a leader when singing.</p> <p>To experience rapping and solo</p>	<p>to talk about:</p> <p>Different ways of writing music down – e.g. staff notation, symbols.</p> <p>The notes C, D, E, F, G, A, B + C on the treble stave.</p> <p>The instruments they might play or be played in a band or orchestra or by their friends</p> <p>Play a musical instrument with the correct technique within the context of the Unit song.</p> <p>Select and learn an instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts – a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of the song from memory or using notation.</p> <p>To rehearse and perform their part within the context of the Unit song.</p> <p>To listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader.</p> <p>To lead a rehearsal session.</p>	<p>to talk about improvisation:</p> <p>Improvisation is making up your own tunes on the spot.</p> <p>When someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to them.</p> <p>To know that using one, two or three notes confidently is better than using five.</p> <p>To know that if you improvise using the notes you are given, you cannot make a mistake.</p> <p>To know that you can use some of the riffs and licks you have learnt in the Challenges in your improvisations.</p> <p>To know three well-known improvising musicians.</p> <p>Improvise using instruments in the context of a song to be performed.</p>	<p>to talk about:</p> <p>A composition: music that is created by you and kept in some way. It's like writing a story. It can be played or performed again to your friends.</p> <p>A composition has pulse, rhythm and pitch that work together and are shaped by tempo, dynamics, texture and structure</p> <p>Notation: recognise the connection between sound and symbol.</p> <p>Create simple melodies using up to five different notes and simple rhythms that work musically with the style of the Unit song.</p> <p>Explain the keynote or home note and the structure of the melody.</p> <p>Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions about how the melody connects with the song.</p> <p>Record the composition in any way appropriate that</p>	<p>to talk about:</p> <p>Performing is sharing music with an audience with belief.</p> <p>A performance doesn't have to be a drama! It can be to one person or to each other.</p> <p>Everything that will be performed must be planned and learned.</p> <p>You must sing or rap the words clearly and play with confidence.</p> <p>A performance can be a special occasion and involve an audience including of people you don't know.</p> <p>It is planned and different for each occasion.</p> <p>A performance involves communicating ideas, thoughts and feelings about the song/music.</p> <p>To choose what to perform and create a programme.</p> <p>To communicate the meaning of the words and clearly articulate them.</p>
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<p>to the pulse with ease.</p> <p>To think about the message of songs.</p> <p>To compare two songs in the same style, talking about what stands out musically in each of them, their similarities and differences.</p> <p>Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music.</p> <p>Use musical words when talking about the songs.</p> <p>To talk about the musical dimensions working together in the Unit songs.</p> <p>Talk about the music and how it makes you feel, using musical language to describe the music.</p>		<p>singing.</p> <p>To listen to each other and be aware of how you fit into the group.</p> <p>To sing with awareness of being 'in tune'.</p>			<p>recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation).</p>	<p>To talk about the venue and how to use it to best effect.</p> <p>To record the performance and compare it to a previous performance.</p> <p>To discuss and talk musically about it – "What went well?" and "It would have been even better if...?"</p>
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