

## **Music National Curriculum**

## Aims

The national curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils:

- perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians
- learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence
- understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.

## **Subject Content**

Pupils should be taught to:

- use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes
- play tuned and untuned instruments musically
- listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music.

## Music Long Term Plan

Term	Year 1	Year 2
Autumn	Unit 1 Ourselves	Unit 1 Ourselves (Exploring sounds)
	Unit 2 Number	Unit 2 Toys (Beat)
	Unit 3 Animals	Unit 3 Our Land (Exploring sounds)
	Unit 4 Weather	Unit 4 Our Bodies (Beat)
	Recognising and developing a sense of steady beat using voices	Developing the use of vocal sounds to express feelings
	and body percussion	Notating pitch shape and duration using simple line graphics



	Understanding pitch, and making high and low vocal sounds Relating pitch to high and low body posture Recognising and performing pitch changes and contrasts Learning to play percussion with control Keeping a steady beat and using dynamics to vary the musical effect Exploring and controlling dynamics (volume), duration and timbre with voices, body percussion and instruments Recognising and responding to changes in tempo in music Identify sequence of sounds (structure) in a piece of music Creating and responding to vocal sounds Exploring how to change sounds Improvising descriptive music Responding to music through movement.	Understanding the structure of call and response songs Developing an expressive song performance with voices and instruments Singing in two parts and combining steady beats Developing an expressive song performance with voices and instruments Developing a sense of steady beat through chant, actions and instruments Marking beats within a four-beat metre Rehearsing and refining to develop a performance Recognising and responding to different steady beats Performing rhythmic movement patterns to a steady beat Performing rhythmic patterns on percussion Listening to and identifying contrasting sections of descriptive music Matching descriptive sounds to images Listening to, and evaluating composition Responding to images Creating and performing descriptive instrumental music inspired by British myths and legends
Spring	Unit 5 Machines Unit 6 Seasons Unit 7 Our School Unit 8 Pattern	Unit 5 Animals (Pitch) Unit 6 Number (Beat) Unit 7 Storytime (Exploring Sounds) Unit 8 Seasons (Pitch)
	Relating pitch changes to graphic symbols and performing pitch changes vocally	Identifying and responding to changes in pitch, upwards and downwards
	Singing a song	Performing changes in pitch using whole body movement
	Playing and maintaining a steady beat	and voice Reading pitch line notation
	Controlling changes in speed (tempi) Creating a soundscape as part of a song performance	Understanding and differentiating between beat and rhythm Singing with expression, paying attention to the pitch shape



	Exploring different ways to emphasise beats to form a group (metre) Exploring instrument sounds and different ways to vary their sound Identifying changes in pitch and responding to them with movement Listening and responding to a falling pitch signal Distinguishing between pitched and un-pitched percussion sounds Listening in detail to a piece of orchestral music Exploring different sound sources and materials Analysing the dynamics and duration of sounds around the school Exploring these elements/dimensions on instruments Creating two contrasting textures Interpreting sounds and exploring instruments	of the melody Performing a rising pitch sequence in a song  Playing pitch lines on tuned percussion Performing a steady beat and simple rhythms using movement and body percussion Accompanying a song with vocal and instrumental ostinati Singing with expression and paying attention to the pitch shape of the melody Listening and responding to pitch changes with movements . Combining pitch change with changes in other elements/dimensions Combining sounds to create a musical effect Understanding how music, dance and drama can combine in storytelling Combining sounds to create a musical effect Performing to an audience
Summer	Unit 9 Story Time Unit 10 Our Bodies Unit 11 Travel	Unit 9 Weather (Pitch) Unit 10 Pattern (Beat) Unit 11 Water (Pitch)
	Unit 12 Water	Unit 12 Travel (Performance)
	Learning new songs and chants Combining voices, movement and instruments to perform a chant and a song Creating word rhythms Performing word rhythms with movement Rehearsing and performing with others Playing fast, slow, loud and quiet Identifying a repeated rhythm pattern	Performing a rhythmic chant and playing an independent rhythm pattern to accompany it Performing an updated version of a traditional nursery rhyme with a rap section included Accompanying a song with three different repeated word patterns



Understanding how music can tell a story Understanding musical structure by listening and responding
Creating music that matches an event in a story
Responding to change of mood in a piece of music with a slow and
fast steady beat
Inventing and performing new rhythms to a steady beat

Understanding melody through songs, movement and performing pitch shapes on tuned instruments Preparing and improving a performance using movement, voice and percussion Interpreting a score to perform different beat patterns Performing beat patterns with voices and percussion Playing different patterns of steady beat in groups and matching them to a simple score Understanding melody through songs, movement and performing pitch shapes on tuned instruments Using instruments expressively Listening in detail to a piece of orchestral music Responding to a song with movement Using simple musical vocabulary to describe music Composing music to illustrate a story Exploring different ways to organise music Performing and creating simple three-beat rhythms using a simple score Using musical scales, high notes and low notes in a composition