





Music Subject Handbook



Our vision and rationale for Music

Music is an essential part of life; integral in the development of the whole person. We believe that the opportunity to engage in musical experiences is crucial for the development of the whole child. Learning music develops **perseverance** in all aspects of a child's learning, from the physical action of using an instrument to the mathematical skills needed to keep a pulse. These abilities are directly transferable to other areas of the curriculum, allowing them to flourish, and will be invaluable in their future life. At our school, children have access to music through regular classroom activities and formal music lessons, as well as extra opportunities such as peripatetic music lessons, after school clubs and wider performance opportunities with other schools and in the local **community**.

Through playing, singing, creating and performing together in the classroom **community**, children will develop confidence and **respect** as well as communication, thinking and creative skills and improve their emotional well-being. In addition, as these activities utilise both sides of the brain, it will foster connections which will improve memory and coordination. The skills involved in playing and listening to music will also help learners develop the self-esteem, self-discipline, cooperation, creativity, and self-motivation necessary for success. Children will find that music is enjoyable and relaxing which will help reduce stress. All children will be able to experience a sense of achievement and pride. The different cultures within the school will be celebrated as the children learn songs in different languages and types of music from different cultures. Through our links with Shropshire Music Service, every child will have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument and all children in KS2 will be offered further peripatetic lessons in a variety of instruments. It is our vision that every child adopts an understanding and love of music which they can carry with them for the rest of their lives.



Curriculum Subject Leaders





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National Curriculum Progression for Music

EYFS	Year I	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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Progression for Music

	EYFS	Year I	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Objectives	Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions.	Singing Exploring music through play and by using voices.	Singing Experiment with different ways of producing sound with voices and sing with a good sense of rhythm.	Singing Using voice in a creative way and singing confidently, maintaining an appropriate pulse.	Singing Sing within an appropriate vocal range with clear diction, mostly accurate tuning, control of breathing and appropriate tone and use voice in a creative way.	Singing Sing within an appropriate vocal range with clear diction, accurate tuning, control of breathing and appropriate tone and use voice in a creative way.	Singing Sing within an appropriate vocal range with clear diction, accurate tuning, control of breathing and appropriate tone and use voice in a creative way.
	Sing a range of well- known nursery rhymes and songs; Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music.	Composing Begin to control changes in timbre, tempo, pitch and dynamics when playing instruments and vocally.	Composing Begin improvising to create music and creating a rhythm.	Composing Using sounds, technology and instruments in creative ways and demonstrate musical quality – clear starts, ends and technical accuracy.	Composing Create simple rhythmic patterns, melodies and accompaniments.	Composing Use a variety of musical devices, timbres, textures, techniques etc. when creating and making music.	Composing Use a variety of musical devices, timbres, textures, techniques etc. when creating and making music.
		Musicianship Maintaining a steady beat on an instrument.	Musicianship To follow a beat and begin recording with notation.	Musicianship Begin to offer comments about own and others' work and ways to improve; accept feedback and suggestions from others.	Musicianship Offer comments about own and others' work and ways to improve; accept feedback and suggestions from others.	Musicianship Listen and evaluate a range of live and recorded music from different traditions, genres, styles and times. Critique own and others' work, offering specific comments and justifying these.	Musicianship Be perceptive to music and communicate personal thoughts and feelings, through discussion, movement, sound-based and other creative responses such as visual arts.

	Performing Create music and begin to note with symbols.	Performing Singing independently. RECORDERS	Performing Create simple rhythmic patterns, melodies and accompaniments.	Performing Maintain an independent part in a small group when playing or singing (e.g. rhythm, ostinato, drone, simple part singing etc.).	Performing Demonstrate increasing confidence, expression, skill and level of musicality through taking different roles in performance and rehearsal.	Performing Maintain a strong sense of pulse and recognise and self correct when going out of time. Demonstrate increasing confidence, expression, skill and level of musicality through taking different roles in performance and rehearsal.
	Reading notation Basic graphic notation.	Reading notation Basic graphic notation. Graphic symbols, dot notation and stick notation	Reading notation Begin to aurally identify, recognise, respond to and use basic symbols (standard and invented), including crotchets amnd quavers.	Reading notation Aurally identify, recognise, respond to and use basic symbols (standard and invented), including crotchets amnd quavers	Reading notation follow basic shapes of music, and simple staff notation, through singing and playing short passages of music when working as a musician. P-BUZZ	Reading notation follow basic shapes of music, and simple staff notation, through singing and playing short passages of music when working as a musician.



Music Progression of knowledge



		Nursery	Reception	Year I	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Concepts and Themes								
Singing	Core Knowledge			I know how to sing simple songs, chants and rhymes I know how to sing collectively and at the same pitch, responding to simple visual directions I know how to sing pentatonic songs I know a wide range of call and response songs and can control my vocal pitch and can match the pitch I hear with accuracy.	I know how singing songs regularly with a pitch range of do-so will increase my vocal control. I know how to sing songs with a small pitch range and can pitch accurately. I know the meaning of dynamics (loud/quiet) and tempo (fast/slow). I know how to demonstrate dynamics and tempo when singing. I know how to join in with songs in tune. I know how to follow a pulse. I know how to copy a simple melody.	I know how to sing a widening range of unison songs of varying styles and structures tunefully and with expression. I know how to perform forte and piano, loud and soft. I know how to perform actions confidently and in time to a range of action songs I know how to perform as a choir in school assemblies.	I know how to sing a broad range of unison songs with the range of an octave I know how to pitch my voice accurately and can follow directions for getting louder (crescendo) and quieter (decrescendo). I know how to sing rounds and partner songs in different time signatures (2, 3 and 4 time) I know how to sing repertoire with small and large leaps as well as a simple second part to introduce vocal harmony I know how to perform a range of songs in school assemblies.	I know how to sing a broad range of songs from an extended repertoire with a sense of ensemble and performance. I know how to sing three-part rounds, partner songs, and songs with a verse and a chorus. I know how to perform a range of songs in school assemblies and in school performance opportunities.	I know how to sing a broad range of songs, including those that involve syncopated rhythms, as part of a choir. I know how to observe rhythm, phrasing, accurate pitching and appropriate style when singing. I know how to sing three- and four- part rounds or partner songs, and experiment with positioning singers randomly within the group. I know how to perform a range of songs as a choir in school assemblies, school performance opportunities and to a wider audience.
	Vocabulary			Chants, pitch, perform, pentatonic songs, call and response	Pitch, dynamics, tempo, crescendo, decrescendo, pause, rest, responding,	Pitch, dynamics, tempo, crescendo, decrescendo, pause, rest, responding, piano, forte, loud, soft	Pitch, dynamics, tempo, crescendo, decrescendo, pause, rest, responding, unison, octave, rounds, time signatures	Pitch, dynamics, tempo, crescendo, decrescendo, pause, rest, responding, unison, octave, rounds, time signatures Repertoire, ensemble,	Pitch, dynamics, tempo, crescendo, decrescendo, pause, rest, responding, unison, octave, rounds, time signatures, rhythm

Listening	Core Knowledge Vocabulary	I know music can tell us a story, an origin, a tradition, history and social context. Composer,	I know music can tell us a story, an origin, a tradition, history and social context. I know that different pieces of music can make me feel different ways. composer	I know that each piece of music can link to a story, an origin, tradition, history, and social context.	I know that each piece of music can link to a story, an origin, tradition, history, and social context.	performance, rounds, verse, chorus, I know that each piece of music can link to a story, an origin, tradition, history, and social context.	l know that each piece of music can link to a story, an origin, tradition, history, and social context.
Composing	Core Knowledge	 I know how to improvise simple vocal chants, using question and answer phrases. I know how to create musical sound effects and short sequences of sounds in response to stimuli, e.g. a rainstorm or a train journey. I know how to combine sounds to make a story, choosing and playing classroom instruments (e.g. rainmaker) or sound- makers (e.g. rustling leaves). I know the difference between creating a rhythm pattern and a pitch pattern. I know how to invent, retain and recall rhythm and pitch patterns and perform these for others, taking turns. I know how to use music technology, if available, to capture, change and combine sounds. 	with a partner to	Improvise I know I can improvise (using voices, tuned and untuned percussion and instruments. I know how to invent short 'on-the-spot' responses using a limited note-range. I know how to structure musical ideas (e.g. using echo or question and answer phrases) to create music that has a beginning, middle and end. I know how to compose in response to different stimuli, e.g. stories, verse, images (paintings and photographs) and musical sources. Composing I know how to combine known rhythmic notation with letter names to create rising and falling phrases using just three notes (do, re and mi). I know how to compose song accompaniments on	Improvise I know I can improvise on a limited range of pitches on the instrument I am learning. I know how to make use of musical features including smooth (legato) and detached (staccato). I know how to make compositional decisions about the overall structure of improvisations. Compose I know how to combine known rhythmic notation with letter names to create short pentatonic phrases. I know how to 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. I know how to create music for a specific mood.	Improvise I know how to I Improvise freely over a drone, developing sense of shape and character, using tuned percussion and melodic instruments. I know how to improvise over a simple groove, responding to the beat, creating a satisfying melodic shape. I know how to experiment with a wider range of dynamics, including very loud (fortissimo), very quiet (pianissimo), moderately loud (mezzo forte), and moderately quiet (mezzo piano). Compose I know how to compose melodies suitable for the instrument chosen. I know I can use chords to compose music to evoke a	Improvise I know how to extend improvisation skills through working in small groups to create music with multiple sections that include repetition and contrast. I can use chord changes as part of an improvised sequence. I can extend improvised melodies beyond 8 beats over a fixed groove, creating a satisfying melodic shape. Compose I know how to plan and compose an 8- or I 6-beat melodic phrase using the pentatonic scale I know how to compose melodies made from pairs of phrases in either G major or E minor or a key suitable

					untuned percussion using known rhythms and note values.	I know how select instruments for composition from different sound palettes.	specific atmosphere, mood or environment.	for the instrument chosen.
	Vocabulary		Rhythm, pitch, sounds, notation, symbols, improvise, sequence	Improvise, question and answer, untuned percussion, graphic symbols, notation, combine	Improvise, tune, untuned, percussion, echo, note values, compose	Improvise, compose, legato, staccato, minim, crotchet, crotchet rest, quavers. Staff notation	Improvise, compose, tuned percussion, beat, dynamics, time signature.	Improvise, compose, pentatonic scale, ternary,
Performing			I know how to maintain a steady beat. I know how to maintain a steady beat on a tuned instrument I know how to copy and repeat rhythm patterns. I know how to create, retain and perform my pwn rhythm patterns. I know how to copy rhythm patterns.	 I know how to sing and perform short songs independently. I know the speed of a beat can change which creates a faster or slower tempo. I know how to follow a beat in a piece of music. I know I can group beats in 2's and 3's. I know how to create rhythms for others to copy. I know how to create a reliable sound using 3 notes. I know how to preform a short, practiced piece. 	l know how to play tuned percussion or a melodic instrument such as violin or recorder. l know how to play and perform melodies following staff notation as a whole class or in small groups. l know how to copy stepwise melodic phrases with accuracy at different speeds; allegro and adagio, fast and slow.	 I know I can develop basic skills on a selected musical instrument over a sustained learning period. I know how to play and perform melodies following staff notation as a whole-class or in small groups. I know how to perform in two or more parts from simple notation using instruments played in whole class teaching. 	 I know how to play melodies on tuned percussion, melodic instruments or keyboards, following staff notation written on one I know how triads are formed, and play them on tuned percussion, melodic instruments or keyboards. I know how too perform simple, chordal accompaniments to familiar songs. I know how to perform a range of repertoire pieces and arrangements combining acoustic instruments to form mixed ensembles, including a school orchestra. I know I can develop the skill of playing by ear on tuned instruments, copying longer phrases and familiar melodies. 	I know how to pla a melody following staff notation written on one stave and using notes within an octave range I know how to make decisions about dynamic range, including very loud, very quiet, moderately loud and moderately quiet. I know how to accompany a melody using bloc chords or a bass line. I know how to engage with other through ensemble playing and take o melody or accompaniment roles
	Vocabulary		Copycat rhythm, beat, tempo, pulse.		Notation, allegro, solo, trios, adagio,	Melody, accompaniment, legato, staccato, minim, crotchet, crotchet rest, quavers.	Playing by ear, tunes percussion, arrangements.	Staff notation, tunes percussion, octave-range.
Reading Notation			I know that shapes on a page can represent beats.	l know how to match dot notation to a played tune. l know how to use graphic symbols, dot	l know what a stave, lines and spaces, and clef are. I know how to use dot notation to show higher or lower pitch.	I know and understand the differences between minims, crotchets, paired quavers and rests.	I know and understand the differences between semibreves, minims, crotchets and crotchet rests, paired	I know and understand the differences between semibreves, minims, crotchets,

		I know how graphic	notation and stick		I know how to read and	quavers and	quavers and
		l know how graphic notation can represent	notation and stick	l know and understand	perform pitch notation	semiguavers.	semiguavers, and
		created sounds.	appropriate, to keep	the differences between	within a defined range	seriiquavers.	their equivalent
		created sounds.	a record of composed	crotchets and paired	within a defined range	I know and understand	rests.
		I know how to explore	pieces.	quavers.	I know how to follow and	the differences	10313.
		and invent own	pieces.	quavers.	perform simple rhythmic	between 2/4. 3/4 and	I know the skills to
		symbols.	know the notes on	I know how to apply	scores to a steady beat:	4/4 time signatures.	read and perform
		37110013.	the stave.	word chants to rhythms,	and maintain individual	in r anne signatures.	pitch notation
				understanding how to link	parts accurately within	I know how to read	within an octave.
			I know how to play	each syllable to one	the rhythmic texture,	and perform pitch	o curor
			crotchets, minims,	musical note.	achieving a sense of	notation within an	I know how to
			semibreves and		ensemble.	octave.	read and play
			recognise the rests.				confidently from
						I know how to read	rhythm notation
			I know how to sight			and play short	cards and rhythmic
			read a simple melody.			rhythmic phrases at	scores in up to
						sight from prepared	4 parts that contain
						cards, using	known rhythms
						conventional symbols	and note durations.
						for known rhythms and	
						note durations.	I know how to
							read and play from
							notation a four-bar
							phrase, confidently
							identifying note
							names and
			Dent men in men termen	Nista universi alla mas		Constitution and address	durations.
			Beat groupings, tempo,	Note values, allegro,	Legato, staccato, minim,	Semibreves, minims,	Semibreves,
			change, melody,	adagio, stave, clef,	crotchet, crotchet rest,	crotchets, crotchet	minims, crotchets,
			notation.	crotchets, paired quavers.	quavers, scores.	rests, paired quavers,	quavers,
						semiquavers.	semiquavers, rests.

Title Style of main Song Unit Theme

Music Unit Coverage

	Autum	n Term	Spring	g Term	Summe	er Term		
Year R	Me!	My Stories!	Everyone!	Our World	Big Bear Funk	Reflect, Rewind and Replay		
Year 1	Hey You Old School Hip-Hop How pulse, rhythm and pitch work together.	Rhythm In The Way We Walk and The Banana Rap Reggae Pulse, rhythm and pitch, rapping, dancing and singing.	In The Groove Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Folk, Funk How to be in the groove with different styles of music.	Round and Round Bossa Nova Pulse, rhythm and pitch in different styles of music.	Your Imagination Pop Using Your Imagination	Reflect, Rewind & Replay Classical The history of music, look back and consolidate your learning, learn some of the language of music.		
Year 2		Whole Class Instrument Lessons - Recorder						
	Establishing rules and routines Understanding pulse. Copying and reading rhythms. Creating a reliable sound to play a note.		Adding rests Copying and repeat	ombining skills s to rhythms. ing a simple melody. cognising the dynamics.	Practising for a performance Playing crotchets, minims, and semibreves with rests. Consolidating skills. Composing simple tunes.			
Year 3	Let Your Spirit Fly RnB RnB and other styles	Glockenspiel Stage 1 N/A Exploring & developing playing skills	Three Little Birds Reggae Reggae and animals	The Dragon Song A pop song that tells a story Music from around the world, celebrating our differences and being kind to one another	Bringing Us Together Disco Disco, friendship, hope and unity	Reflect, Rewind & Replay Classical The history of music, look back and consolidate your learning, learn some of the language of music		
Year 4	Mamma Mia Pop ABBA's music	Glockenspiel 2 Mixed Styles Exploring and developing	Stop! Grime Writing lyrics linked to a theme	WI	hole Class Instrument Less PBuzz	ons		

		playing skills using the glockenspiel				
Year 5	Whole Class Instrument Lessons Brass			The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Old-School Hip-Hop Old-School Hip-Hop	Dancing in the Street Motown Motown	Reflect, Rewind & Replay Classical The history of music, look back and consolidate your learning, learn some of the language of music
Year 6	Happy Pop/Neo Soul Being happy!	Classroom Jazz 2 Bacharach and Blues Jazz, improvisation and composition	A new Year Carol Classical or Urban Gospel Benjamin Britten's music and cover versions	You've Got a Friend 70s Ballad/Pop The music of Carole King	Music And Me Create your own music inspired by your identity and women in the music industry	Reflect, Rewind & Replay Classical The history of music, look back and consolidate your learning, learn some of the language of music

Whole School Music Appreciation

Across the school year we have chosen key composers and some of their iconic pieces. Children will have time to listen to and appreciate these when entering Collective Worship for a week.

Autumn 1	Title:	Composer/Artist:	Period/Style/ Country:
Week 1	O Euchari	Hildegard	Early
Week 2	Hallelujah from Messiah	Handel	Baroque
Week 3	Rondo all Turca	Mozart	Classical
Week 4	Symphony No. 5	Beethoven	Classical
Week 5	1812 Overture	Tchaikovsky	Romantic
Week 6	Night on a Bare Mountain	Mussorgsky	Romantic
Week 7	Bolero	Ravel	20 th Century
Week 8	Symphonic Variations on an African Air	Coleridge-Taylor	20 th Century
Autumn 2	Title:	Composer/Artist:	Period/Style/
			Country:
Week 1	English Folk Song Suite	Vaughan Williams	20 th Century
Week 2	Mars from The Planets	Holst	20 th Century
Week 3	Jai Ho from Slumdog Millionaire	A.R. Rahman	21 st Century
Week 4	Connect It	Anna Meredith	21 st Century
Week 5	Night Ferry	Anna Clyne	21 st Century
Week 6	The Little Babe from Ceremony of Carols	Britten	20 th Century
Week 7	Jesus Child	Rutter	20 th Century

Spring 1	Title:	Composer/Artist:	Period/Style/ Country:
Week 1	Runaway Blues	Ma Rainey	Blues

Week 2	Take the 'A' Train	Duke Ellington Orchestra	Jazz	
Week 3	Hound Dog	Elvis Presley	Rock 'n' Roll	
Week 4	Golden Slumbers	The Beatles	Pop	
Week 5	I Got You (I Feel Good)	James Brown	Funk	
Week 6	Le Freak	Chic	Disco	
Spring 2	Title:	Composer/Artist:	Period/Style/	
			Country:	
Week 1	Smalltown Boy	Bronski Beat	80s Synth/Pop	
Week 2	Play Dead	Bjork	90s Pop	
Week 3	Say My Name	Destiny's Child	90s RnB	
Week 4	Wild Man	Kate Bush	Art Pop	
Week 5	Wonderwall	Oasis	90s Indie	
Week 6	Hello	Adele	21 st Century Pop	
Summer 1	Title:	Composer/Artist:	Period/Style/	
		-	Country:	
Week 1	Fanfarra (Cabua-Le-Le)	Sergio Mendes/ Carlinhos Brown	Samba, <i>Brazil</i>	
Week 2	Baris	Gong Kebyar of Peliatan	Gamelan, Indonesia	
Week 3	Sahela Re	Kishori Amonkar	Indian Classical, India	
Week 4	Bhabiye Akh Larr Gayee	Bhujhangy Group	Bhangra, <i>Punjab/UK</i>	
Week 5	Tropical Bird	Trinidad Steel Band	Calypso, <i>Trinidad</i>	
Week 6	Jin-Go-La-Ba (Drums of Passion)	Babatunde Olatunji	Drumming, <i>Nigeria</i>	
Week 7	Libertango	Piazzolla	Tango, <i>Argentina</i>	
Summer 2	Title:	Composer/Artist:	Period/Style/	
			Country:	
Week 1	Inkanyezi Nezazi	Ladysmith Black Mambazo	Choral, South Africa	
Week 2	Sprinting Gazelle	Reem Kelani	Folk, <i>Middle East</i>	
Week 3	Mazurkas Op. 24	Chopin	Folk, <i>Poland</i>	
Week 4	Sea Shanties	Various	Folk, <i>England</i>	
Week 5	Sea Shanties	Various	Folk, <i>England</i>	
Week 6	Sea Shanties	Various	Folk, <i>England</i>	
Week 7	One More Step	Sydney Carter	20 th Century Hymn	