MUSIC CURRICULUM MAP - Revised January 2024

Year	SINGING	LISTENING	COMPOSING & PERFORMING	VOCAB		
R	*simple songs/chants/rhymes from	Saint-Saens, Carnival of the animals	*Explore a range of tuned and untuned percussion, investigating how	Stop, start, slow,		
	memory	(Elephant, swan, kangaroos etc.)	they can be played and the different types of sound each can produce.	fast, high, low,		
	*action songs	*Music about Transport.	*Use body percussion / movement / sound makers and untuned	Start to learn		
		*Explore sounds and noises in the	percussion to match and keep a regular beat.	names of un-tuned		
		environment – sounds walks etc		percussion		
		*sound quizzes of recorded known				
		sounds from familiar environments				
1	*simple songs/chants/rhymes from	Music from around the world:	*improvise vocal chants – question and answer phrases	YR + beat, pattern,		
	memory	English trad.	*create musical sound effects and short sequences of sound in response	tune, create, pitch,		
	*Follow visual directions	Australian folk	to stimuli. Combine to make a story (Use cross-curricular topics links)	rhythm, call and		
	(stop/start/loud/ quiet) My turn,	African marching songs / drumming	*understand the difference between rhythm and pitch patterns	response, ostinato		
	your turn	Latin-American	*create, retain and recall rhythm and pitch patterns and perform for	names of un-tuned		
	*small pitch range – mi-so – then	Listening tracks from the Year 1 listening	others, taking turns.	percussion,		
	slightly larger range	list.		melody		
	*call & response songs to control	NOTATION: recognise how graphic notation	·			
	and match pitch accurately	ols. Follow pictures/symbols to guide singing and playing				
	*as a group, hold a simple tune	RHYTHM: copy-cat patterns, repeating patterns (ostinato), word pattern chants				
	alongside another melody (eg. Sing					
	one part of a round)	Play repeated patterns using body percussion, tuned and untuned percussion to maintain a steady beat.				
PITCH: High and low sounds. Explore percussion sounds to enhance story-telling			1			
2	*sing songs with pitch range – do-	Pieces from the time periods they are	*create music in response to stimulus; use cross- curricular topic links –	YrR & 1+		
	so – pitching notes accurately	learning about in history both from	The Great Fire of London etc.	introduction,		
	*sing short phrases independently	recommended listening list and other	*Work with partner to improvise simple question and answer phrases to	dynamics		
	*Know the meaning of dynamics	pieces as appropriate.	be sung or played, creating a musical conversation.	(loud/quiet)		
	(loud/quiet) and pitch (high/ low)			pitch (hi/lo)		
	and demonstrate these when	Pieces with different time signatures to		crescendo,		
	singing	identify 2 and 3 beat pulses.		diminuendo,		
	*sing simple 2-part rounds when			pause, parts		
	supported by a leader or piano	Peter and the Wolf.				
	tune.	NOTATION: Use graphic, stick and dot notation and cube grids to keep a record of composed pieces.				
		Represent rhythm patterns using stick notation including crotchets, quavers and crotchet rests.				
		RHYTHM: copy-cat patterns, copy a leader and invent rhythms for others to copy, create and perform chanted rhythm patterns				
		PULSE: Walk in time to the beat of a piece of music or song. Recognise changes in tempo				
		Begin to group beats in 2s and 3s by tapping knees on the 1 st / strongest beat and clapping the rest				
		Identify the beat groupings in familiar music they regularly sing and listen to.				
		ctions (stand up / sit down – hands walking up and down)				
		it to 3 note tunes played on tuned percussion				
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Year 3	*sing a variety of unison songs with a generally step-by-step melody *perform body percussion and signs elements confidently and in time while singing. *sing expressively using forte and piano (loud and quiet) *Perform as a choir in school assemblies Sing 2 part rounds confidently and begin to sing simple descants above a main tune with support.	LISTENING Select from suggested list covering musical periods and genres in accordance with objectives and cross-curricular topics. Listen out for a simple repeated theme. Recognise a beginning, middle and end in pieces. *Listen to and correctly order dot notation, showing dif arrangements of notes CDE	*improvise short 'on-the-spot' responses using a limited note range (eg. EFG) * structure musical ideas using copy, copy back, question and answer, 2 distinct phrases, in order to produce music that has a beginning a middle and an end. *create short up and down phrases using rhythmic notation and letter names (3 note range). *compose song accompaniments on untuned percussion using known	*learn to play a tuned instrument (recorder or glockenspiel) and practise regularly to improve accuracy and skill. *play and perform melodies following staff notation using a small range (eg. C-G on glockenspiels or G-D on recorders) as a whole class or in small groups. *Individually copy back stepwise melodic phrases with accuracy at different speeds. Extend to question and answer phrases.	YR + KS1+ Unison, allegro, adagio, forte, piano, echo, improvise, stave, treble clef, crotchet, quaver, rest, silent beat, Phrase, compose, question and answer, accompaniment, staff notation,	
notes. Continue dot notation for identifying high, middle and low sounds.		rotchets, quaver, minim, semibreve, crotc	het rest			
4	*sing a variety of unison songs with a greater range and including some leaps in the melody. *follow instructions for getting louder and softer.	Select from suggested list covering musical periods and genres in accordance with objectives and cross-curricular topics.	*improvise on the instrument being learned (recorder or glockenspiel) and begin to make decisions about structure (eg. ABA, ABAB, AABA etc.)	*develop more competency in the instrument being learned (recorder or glockenspiel). *play and perform melodies following staff notation extending note range	YR + KS! + Y3 + Static, moving, parts, harmony, accompaniment, major, minor,	
	*sing a range of rounds and partner songs without melodic support. *begin to sing songs with two	Begin to identify structures in music. Pieces in major and minor keys for	*Use rhythm cards to create sequences of 2, 3 or 4 beat phrases, arranged into bars. *Introduce major and minor tonality	from Year 3. *copy short melodic phrases *perform in two or more parts (eg. melody and accompaniment or a	score, bar lines, time signature, minim, rhythmic score,	
	separate parts and hold without melodic support.	comparison. Film music used to create certain moods and feelings.	*compose music to create a specific mood. *capture and record creative ideas in a variety of ways – graphic symbols, rhythm and staff notations, technology (video)	duet) using standard notation. *Identify static and moving parts	3.001 E,	
		Introduce 2 part notation	tandard staff notation, treble clef, adding bar lines and time signature, crotchet, quaver, minim, semibreve and their rests ntroduce 2 part notation with a line for each part. Rhythmic score – a line for each percussion instrument with time signature, bar lines and rhythmic patterns.			

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5	*sing a broad range of songs from an extended repertoire with a sense of ensemble and performance *focus on phrasing (breathing) accurate pitching and appropriate vocal style *sing 3-part rounds, partner songs and 2-part songs without melodic support from the piano *Perform in assemblies and at other events.	Select from suggested list covering musical periods and genres in accordance with objectives and cross-curricular topics.	*improvise freely over a drone, using tuned percussion and melodic instruments. *improvise over a simple groove, responding to the beat. *use a wider range of dynamics ff, pp, mf, mp *compose melodies in pairs of phrases in either Cmaj or A min or a key suitable for the instrument chosen *compose a short tertiary piece ABA with a partner *Use chords to compose music to evoke a specific atmosphere, mood or environment. *capture and record ideas using various notation learned so far.	*Develop skills to play recorders /keyboards over the two years of Year 5 and 6. *play melodies on tuned percussion, melodic instruments or keyboards using staff notation, range C-C *Understand how triads are formed and play them on tuned percussion/ melodic instruments. *perform simple chordal accompaniments to familiar songs, C maj, G major, D major *perform a range of repertoire pieces and arrangements combining acoustic instruments to form mixed ensembles. *develop the skill of playing by ear on tuned instruments copying longer phrases and familiar melodies.	YR + KS1 + LKS2 + Ensemble, phrasing, 3-part rounds, verse, chorus, drone, groove, timbre, fortissimo, pianissimo, mezzo forte, mezzo piano, tertiary, triad, semiquaver, semibreve,
6	*sing a broad range of songs including those with syncopated rhythms as part of a choir with a sense of ensemble and performance. *perform to a wider audience and observe rhythm, phrasing, accurate pitching and appropriate style. *sing 3 and 4 part rounds and experiment with positioning singers randomly within the group rather than in discrete parts to develop greater listening skills and balance between the parts. *sing 2-part harmony without support and 3-part harmony with some melodic support.	Select from suggested list covering musical periods and genres in accordance with objectives and cross-curricular topics. *Use an increasing variety of musical terms to describe pieces they listen to. *Music appreciation – be able to articulate why a piece appeals / does not appeal and identify some of the key features and characteristics of the piece. *be able to identify and name some of the pieces they have listened to in different year groups. *discuss how musical contrasts are achieved.	*develop improvisation skills by: Creating music with multiple sections including repetition and contrast, *Use chord changes *plan/compose a 8 -16 beat melodic phrases *incorporate rhythmic variety and interest *play the melody on a tuned instrument and record using standard notation. *compose melodies from pairs of phrases in either G maj or E min.	*cociated rests and major and minor triad cho *continue to develop keyboard proficiency *play a melody following staff notation with note range C-C (or close). *make decisions about dynamic range including pp p mp mf f and ff *accompany this melody and others using block chords or a bass line *perform a part within an ensemble dding dynamic markings where appropriate	All previous vocab + Syncopated, discrete, musical periods and genres, block chords, bass line, octave, Characteristics, Notate,

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