Curriculum Skills Progression - Music

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Singing	Children sing songs, make music and dance, and experiment with ways of changing them. (Unit 1 Beat and Tempo — selection of songs about ourselves and Chinese New Year Link actions to poems and simple rhymes for simple performances. Unit 2 Loud and Quiet Caterpillar, Brown Bear Snoring	Sing a song with contrasting high and low melodies (Unit 3) Control vocal dynamics, duration and timbre (Unit 4) Sing a song together as a group (Unit 7) Combine voices and movement to perform a chant and a song (Unit 11) Use voices to create descriptive sounds (Unit 12)	Chant and sing in two parts while playing a steady beat (Unit 4) Sing with expression, paying attention to the pitch shape of the melody (Unit 8) Understand pitch through singing, movement, and note names (Unit 11) Prepare and improve a performance using	Sing in two- part harmony (Unit 1) Copy and create a wide range of vocal sounds to incorporate into a song (Unit 8) Sing in two parts (two different melodies) with movements and percussion (Unit 9) Perform a round in three parts (Unit 11)	Perform a poem as an ensemble with rhythmic accuracy to a steady beat (Unit 1) Use beatbox techniques to imitate the sound of a drum kit (Units 1 & 3) Learn to sing partner songs (Unit 3) Sing a call and response song in a minor key in two groups (Unit 8) Sing a song with three simple	Prepare for a performance by considering narration, performance space, setting up and other logistics (Unit 1) Develop techniques of performing rap using texture and rhythm (Unit 2) Sing and play scales and chromatic melodies accurately (Unit 4) Sing and play percussion in a	Demonstrate understanding of pitch through singing from simple staff notation (Unit 1) Demonstrate understanding of beat and syncopation through singing and body percussion (Unit 1) Convey lyrical meaning through expressive singing in a part-song with echoes (Unit 2)

Unit 3 High and	movement,	independent	group piece with	Learn to sing
Low 3 bears rap	voice	parts (Unit 10)	changes in	major and
and Goldilocks	and percussion	Combine	tempo and	minor note
Unit 4	(Unit 12	singing, playing	dynamics (Unit	patterns
Structure	(Onit 12			accurately
Witch's song		and dancing in	<i>5</i>)	(1), (1), (2)
Unit 5 Texture		a performance	Sing a song in	(Unit 2)
Working night		(Unit 11)	unison and	Demonstrate
and day, The			three-part	planning,
King is in the			harmony (Unit	directing, and
castle.			6)	rehearsal skills
			Sing with	through
			attention to	allocated roles,
				such as
			accuracy in	
			rhythm, pitch	technicians and
			and	researchers
			dynamics (Unit	(Unit 2)
			6)	Develop,
				rehearse and
				perform a mini-
				musical,
				including
				including
				dialogue,
				singing, playing
				and movement
				(Unit 4)

							Refine vocal performance with consideration of posture, breathing and enunciation (Unit 5) Perform complex song rhythms confidently (Unit 6) Change vocal tone to reflect mood and style
Playing Instruments	Represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through music and dance. (unit 1 Chinese New Year)	Identify and keep a steady beat using instruments (Unit 2) Explore and control dynamics,	Listen to and repeat rhythmic patterns on body percussion and instruments (Unit 4)	Accompany a song with a melodic ostinato on tuned percussion (Unit 1)	Combine four body percussion ostinati as a song accompaniment (Unit 5)	Read a melody in staff notation (Unit3) Interpret graphic notation on various soundmakers with an	Demonstrate coordination and rhythm skills by participating

Use instruments	duration, and	Play pitch lines	Perform a	Play a	understanding	in a complex
to make animal	timbre with	on tuned	pentatonic song	pentatonic song	of their qualities	circle game
sounds (Unit 2	i otuvu ovto	percussion (Unit	with tuned and	with leaps in	and capabilities	(Unit 1)
Brown Bear's snoring)	instruments (Unit 4)	5)	untuned	pitch on tuned	(Unit 5)	Play a chordal
snoring)	Play percussion instruments at different speeds (tempi) (Unit 5) Play and control changes in tempo (Unit 5) Explore sounds on instruments and find different ways to vary their sound (Unit 8) Use instruments to create descriptive sounds (Unit 12)	Accompany a song with vocal, body percussion and Instrumental ostinati (Unit 8) Use instruments expressively in response to visual stimuli (Unit 12)	accompaniment (Unit 5) Play independent parts in more than one metre simultaneously on body percussion, untuned and tuned percussion (Unit 6) Perform rhythmic ostinati individually and in combination (Unit 6)	percussion (Unit 6) Play and sing repeated patterns (ostinati) from staff notation (Unit 10) Play a piece with melody, chords, bass and rhythm parts from graphic, rhythm and staff notations (Unit 11)	Perform music together in synchronisation with a short movie (Unit 5) Develop ensemble playing, focusing on steady beat and placing notes accurately together (Unit 6) Control short, loud sounds on a variety of instruments (Unit 6)	Play a chordal accompaniment to a piece (Unit 3) Follow and interpret a complex graphic score for four instruments (Unit 3) Play tuned instrumental parts confidently from graphic scores with note names (Unit 6)
	Play fast, slow, loud, and quiet		Understand and use pitch			

		sounds on percussion instruments (Unit 9)		notations (Unit 7) Read simple rhythm notation (Unit 7) Create and perform from a symbol score (Unit 8) Read graphic notation to play a melody on tuned instruments (Unit 10			
Improvising/ Exploring	Explore the different sounds of instruments to create mood. (Unit 1 Chinese New Year, Unit 2 Brown Bear's snoring explore animal sounds) (Unit 2 Body	Improvise descriptive music (Unit 4) Respond to music through movement (Unit 4) Create a soundscape	Explore timbre and texture to understand how sounds can be descriptive (Unit 3) Combine sounds to create a	Improvise descriptive music (Unit 4) Improvise to an ostinato accompaniment (Unit 6) Explore simple accompaniment	Improvise in response to visual stimuli, with a focus on timbre (Unit 4) Explore household items as instruments	Develop accompaniment s using ostinato and invent or improvise rhythms on untuned percussion (Unit 1)	Devise, combine and structure rhythms through dance (Unit 1) Improvise descriptive music on instruments and

sounds weather	using	musical effect in	s using beat and	and match	Learn about jazz	other
song)	instruments	response to	rhythm	rhythms	scat singing and	soundmakers
	(Unit 7) Explore	visual stimuli (Unit 7)	patterns (Unit 12)	with appropriate	devise scat sounds	(Unit 4)
	Explore different sound sources and materials (Unit 7) Explore sounds on instruments and find different ways to vary their sound (Unit 8)	VISUAL STIMULI (Unit 7) Explore voices to create descriptive musical effects (Unit 7) Explore different ways to organise music (Unit 10)	12)	appropriate soundmakers (Unit 4) Improvise melodies with a given set of five notes (a pentatonic scale) (Unit 5) Explore layers and layering using a graphic score (Unit 7) Understand syncopation and clap improvised off-beat rhythms (Unit 10)	sounds (Unit 1) Play and improvise using the whole tone scale (Unit 2) Create musical effects using contrasting pitch (Unit 3) Interpret graphic notation on various soundmakers with an understanding of their qualities and capabilities (Unit 5) Learn about and explore techniques used	
					in movie	

						soundtracks (Unit 5	
Composing	Invite children to create their own body sounds (Unit 2) Weather song Compose own animal music using instruments Unit 5 Texture Explore texture Weather - Hello Mr Sun	Invent and perform new rhythms to a steady beat (Unit 10) Create, play and combine simple word rhythms (Unit 11) Create a picture in sound (Unit 12)	Compose music to illustrate a story (Unit 9) Perform and create simple three - and four-beat rhythms using a simple score (Unit 10)	Select descriptive sounds to accompany a poem (Unit 1) Choose different timbres to make an accompaniment (Unit 1) Make choices about musical structure (Unit 2) Create and perform from a symbol score (Unit 8) Arrange an accompaniment with attention to balance and	Compose an introduction for a song (Unit 2) Compose and notate pentatonic melodies on a graphic score (Unit 6) Compose a rap (Unit 9) Compose a fanfare (Unit 11) Compose and play sequences of word rhythms (Unit 12)	Develop a structure for a vocal piece and create graphic scores (Unit 3) Explore extended vocal techniques through listening to and composing 'a capella' (unaccompanied) vocal music based on graphic scores (Unit 3) Use the musical dimensions to create and perform music for a movie (Unit 5)	Revise, rehearse, and develop music for performance, with reference to the inter-related dimensions of music (Unit 3) Compose programme music from a visual stimulus (Unit 5)

				musical effect (Unit 11) Use a score and combine sounds to create different musical textures (Unit 12)		Evaluate and refine compositions with reference to the inter-related dimensions of music (Unit 5) Create sounds for a movie, following a timesheet (Unit 5)	
Listening	Unit 5 Texture Listen to short extracts of music from Carnival of the Animals, Peter and The Wolf, Flight of the Bumblebee Move freely in response to the music, discuss	Recognise and respond to changes in tempo in music (Unit 2) Identify changes in pitch and respond to them with movement (Unit 6)	Match descriptive sounds to images (Unit 3) Listen to and repeat back rhythmic patterns on instruments	Listen to and learn about Hindustani classical music (Unit 3) Learn how sounds are produced and how instruments are classified (Unit 3)	Understand how rhythmic articulation affects musical phrasing (Unit 1) Explore the descriptive music of two famous composers of	Hear and understand the features of the whole tone scale (Unit 2) Listen to and learn about modern classical/avant garde	Follow and interpret a complex graphic score for four instruments (Unit 3) Experience and understand the effect of changing harmony

change of mood	Understand how	and body	Listen to and	the 20th and	music (20th	(Unit 6)
by changes in elements within	music can tell a story (Unit 9)	percussion (Unit 4	learn about traditional	21st century (Unit 2)	century) <mark>(Unit</mark> 2)	Listen to and
elements within the music eg fast/slow.	story (Unit 9) Understand musical structure by listening and responding through movement (Unit 12)	4	traditional Chinese music (Unit 5) Listen to and learn about a Romantic piece of music (Unit 6) Listen to and learn about a medieval antiphon (Unit 7) Listen to, learn about, play and dance to Tudor dance music	(Unit 2) Listen to and learn about 1940s dance band music (Unit 3) Listen to and play along with Bhangra music (Unit 4) Copy rhythms and a short melody (Unit 9) Match short rhythmic phrases with	Learn about the music of an early Baroque opera (Unit 3) Demonstrate understanding of the effect of music in movies (Unit 5)	Listen to and understand modulation in a musical bridge (Unit 6)
			(Unit 7	rhythm notation (Unit 10) Listen to and		
				learn about Renaissance		

					instruments (Unit 11)		
Appraising	Reflect on whether their own movements in response to the music are appropriate eg moving quickly if the music is slow.	Identify a sequence of sounds (structure) in a piece of music (Unit 4) Listen in detail to a piece of orchestral music (e.g. identify instruments) (Unit 6) Identify metre by recognising its pattern (Unit 8) Identify a repeated rhythm pattern (Unit 10)	Identify ways of producing sounds (e.g. shake, strike, pluck) (Unit 3) Identify rising and falling pitch (Unit 8) Listen in detail to a piece of orchestral music (e.g. identify how it depicts a season) (Unit 9) Use simple musical vocabulary to describe music (Unit 12) Listen, describe	Identify the metre in a piece of music (Unit 6) Recognise rhythm patterns in staff notation (Unit 6) Recognise pitch shapes (Unit 10)	Identify different instrument groups from a recording (Unit 3) Describe the structure of a piece of orchestral music (Unit 5) Develop listening skills by analysing and comparing music from different traditions (Unit 6) Identify key features of	Listen to a 19th century tone poem and describe its effects and use of the musical dimensions (Unit 2) Listen to and analyse 19th century impressionist music using musical vocabulary (Unit 2) Compare and contrast two pieces of 19th century Romantic	Revise, rehearse, and develop music for performance, with reference to the inter-related dimensions of music (Unit 3) Discuss the music of a Russian Romantic composer with reference to a painting from the same period (Unit 5)
			and respond to				

contemporary	minimalist	music (Unit 3)
orchestral	music (Unit 7)	Identify changes
music (Unit 12)	Compare and	in tempo and
	contrast the	their effects
	structure of two	(Unit 5)
	pieces of music	Evaluate and
	(Unit 7)	refine
	Identify the metre of a new song or piece	compositions with reference to the
	(Unit 10)	inter-related
	Listen to and analyse 20th	dimensions of music (Unit 5)
	century ballet	Explore and
	music (Unit 10)	analyse a song
		arrangement
		and its
		structure
		(Unit 6)
		Rehearse,
		improve and
		analyse an
		ensemble
		performance,

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		J	staying in time	1
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