Knowledge and Skills Progression for Music



EYFS

Children in Reception will be learning to:

- Sing a range of songs and rhymes
- Explore the pitch of their voice and how to match it to the pitch of the song they are singing
- Make up their own songs and rhymes
- To listen to live and recorded music, hearing lyrics, rhymes and instruments, hearing changes in tempo, rhythm and dynamics and expressing how it makes them feel, and what it makes them imagine.
- To explore the range of sounds made by different instruments and use a range of percussive instruments to enhance songs and rhymes, knowing the names of instruments that they have explored and used.

Children at the expected level of development at the end of the Reception year will:

- Join in with familiar songs, matching the pitch of their voice to the song they are singing
- Create their own songs and rhymes
- Use music creatively to explore how it makes them feel
- Begin to understand the difference between lyrics, rhymes and instruments, and use simple movements to move in time with the music.
- Play a range of percussive instruments to accompany songs and rhymes, naming each instrument they play

Strand	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Composition &	To start to	Perform simple	To recognise	To confidently	Improve melodic	Select and make
Appraisal	recognise	patterns and	different	recognise different	and rhythmic	expressive use of
Listen to, review	different	accompaniments	instruments	instruments.	phrases using a	tempo, dynamics,
and evaluate	instruments	keeping to a steady			range of simple	phrasing and
music across a		pulse.		To listen with	structures.	timbre.
range of	To start to recognise		Explore a range	direction to a wide		
historical	and explore varied	To start to	of musical	range of high-	Use musical ideas	Use appropriate
periods, genres,	musical styles and	develop an	genres	quality music.	and structures to	notation to
styles, cultures	traditions	understanding of			compose a score.	effectively plan,
and traditions,		the history and				revise and refine a
including the		context of music			Improve and	musical score.
works of the					compose using	
great composers					elements of	Compare, improve
and musicians.					different genres	and perform a range
					and styles.	of melodies and
						songs for different
						audiences from
						different cultures.
						Develop an
						understanding of
						the history of
						music.
Performing	Sing simple songs	Singing with	Singing with	Sing with	Make use of a range	Explain the
Learn to sing	with accuracy and	increasing	awareness of	awareness of	of expressive	processes and
and use their	pitch	expressions	breathing and	dynamics, phrasing	elements in own	contexts of a range
voices to create			diction	and pitch control.	performance.	of musical genre and
and compose	To work together	To sing and				styles.
music on their	in an ensemble	play	Compose, improve	Compare, contrast	Maintain a complex	
own and with	band	instruments to	and perform simple	and combine a	part in an ensemble	Maintain a complex
others, have the		an audience	melodies and songs	range of musical	or choral group.	part in a large
opportunity to	To appreciate the			genre.		ensemble or choral
learn a musical	importance of starting	Identify ways				
instrument and	and ending together	of improving	To build on the			

use technology	0	own work	correct musical		
appropriately.			language to suit the		
	R	Recognise how	style of music being		
	m	nusical			
	ir	nstruments are			

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	Recognise how	combined and	learnt about, as well	Maintain an		group with multiple
	musical elements can	used	as discussing	increasingly		parts.
	be used to create	expressively	feelings and	complex part in an		
	different effects		emotions/likes and	ensemble or choral		
			dislikes, that are	group.		
			linked to music			
Musical	Identify high and low	Compare and	Improve a	Identify and create	Invent a complex	Create and perform
Elements	sounds in the	contrast sounds	repeated	more complex	cyclical pattern	musical pieces in
Understand and	environment.	according to	pattern	patterns,	using beats and	more than one way.
explore how	Identify long and	pitch.		maintaining own part.	patterns of	
music is	short sounds in the	Compare and	Recognise		different length.	Use dynamic
created,	environment. Identify	contrast sounds	differences in soft	Recognise the	Recognise a range	markings to create
produced and	loud and soft sounds	according to	loud etc	difference between	of dynamic	an expressive
communicated,	in the environment.	duration.		unison and harmony.	features including	performance.
including	Identify fast and slow	Explore the	Create and perform		accents.	
through; pitch,	sounds in the	effect of silence.	linear and cyclical			
duration,	environment.		patterns		Explore complex	
dynamics,		Use a cyclical			structures	
tempo, timbre,	Listen to and repeat	pattern (fixed			containing more	
texture,	simple patterns of	number of beats			than one melody.	
structure and	sounds.	repeated				
appropriate		continuously)				
musical						
notations.						