

EYFS	KS1	KS2
 Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs Perform songs and rhymes with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music Be confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge Work and play cooperatively and take turns with others Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others, and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly Give focused attention to what the teacher says, responding appropriately even when engaged in activity, and show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary 	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.	Pupils should be taught to sing and play musically with increasing confidence and control. They should develop an understanding of musical composition, organising and manipulating ideas within musical structures and reproducing sounds from aural memory. Pupils should be taught to: • play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression • improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music • listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory • use and understand staff and other musical notations • appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians • develop an understanding of the history of music.

Nursery/Reception	Overview		Key Skills
	In this unit, children are introduced to a diverse selection of music from around the world. The focus in this unit is mostly on listening to a wide variety of music from different	Listening	Describe instruments, describe dynamics and tempo, different genres, match sounds, respond with movement
	cultures and traditions in which children identify instruments and talk about their preferences. Children are also often given opportunities to sing, dance and play music	Composing	Use changes in tempo, body percussion, percussion instruments, working with a partner
Around the World:	relevant to the place of focus. There is potential for combining work in other areas of the curriculum or turning a lesson into a mini project on a particular country or place.	Performing	Copying rhythms, dynamics, tempo, playing percussion, singing call and response, adding actions to singing
Unit 1 Nursery/Reception		Social	Communication, listening, sharing
		Emotional	Confidence
		Thinking	Copy and repeat, creativity, comprehension
	Using familiar nursery rhymes and some new songs, this unit allows exploration of musical concepts such as dynamics, tempo, pulse, rhythm and pitch. Using musical games and	Listening	Responding with movement, matching sound and movement to instruments, recognising changes in pitch
	simple songs, children will perform, create and respond to music using their voices,	Composing	Creating new verses and actions, adding sound effect
Nursery Rhymes: Unit 1	movement and percussion instruments. They will learn to identify classroom percussion instruments by sight and sound and select instruments to create sound effects. Through	Performing	Copying rhythms, matching words to rhythms, dynamics and tempo, explore pitch, chant
Nursery/Reception	repetition of musical games, children will embed a sense of pulse and the ability to match pitch while developing confidence in group and solo performances.	Social	Co-operation, leadership, communication
		Emotional	Independence, confidence
		Thinking	Creativity, decision making, comprehension
	This unit focuses on celebrating 'me'. Pupils explore feelings and emotions and how these can be represented through music. Pupils have an opportunity to sing, listen to, copy and	Composing	Create verses and actions, create rhythms, music based on a theme
	compose their own music. They explore moving to music, creating and adapting new verses	Performing	Respond with movement, play percussion, copy rhythms, sing and chant
All About Me: Unit 1 Nursery/Reception	to songs, rhythm and pitch as well as the different sounds of instruments and how to play them.	Social	Listening, taking turns, communication, work safely
ruisery, neception		Emotional	Talk about feelings, self-control, work independently
		Thinking	Apply knowledge, copy, create, explore
	In this unit we focus on everyday life and the routines and adventures we might have at home and out and about. The children will sing a range of songs exploring pitch, dynamics	Composing	Creating rhythms, create new verses and actions
	and tempo. They will create new verses to songs, add actions moving to a steady beat and	Performing	Copy and repeat rhythms, respond with movement, play percussion, explore pitch, dynamics, tempo, sound effects
Everyday Life: Unit 1 Nursery/Reception	I understanding of nulse and rhythm using voice, hedy persussion and instruments	Social	Listening to others, sharing, taking turns, collaboration
ruisery, neception		Emotional	Confidence, independence, self-control
		Thinking	Copy, create, provide feedback
	In this unit children will explore the differences between singing and speaking through a range of songs. They will create new verses to songs, add actions moving to a steady beat	Listening	Compare, identify instruments, describe timbre
Walking in the	and add sounds effects considering the sound of an instrument. Children will expand on	Composing	Create verses and actions, create rhythms, music based on a theme
Jungle: Unit 1	their understanding of pulse and rhythm using voice, body percussion and instruments. Children will listen to a variety of music, making comparisons and expressing opinions on	Performing	Respond with movement, play percussion, copy rhythms, sing, chant, create vocal sound effects
Nursery/Reception	likes and dislikes. Pupils will have opportunities to work independently and in groups, performing and being part of an audience.	Social	Kindness, work safely, take turns, share ideas

		Emotional	Self-control, confidence, patience
		Thinking	Comprehension, discuss preferences, remember and recall, explore
	This unit uses three traditional tales: The Three Little Pigs; Jack and the Beanstalk and Goldilocks and the Three Bears as inspiration. The children will experience a range of music	Composing	Creating new verses, creating rhythms, adding sound effects
Traditional Tales:	skills covering performing, exploring and composing and singing. Children will learn	Performing	Copy and repeat rhythms, respond with movement, play percussion, so and mi, adding actions, explore dynamics and tempo
Unit 1 Nursery/Reception	traditional songs exploring pitch, dynamics and tempo when singing and playing an instrument. Children will develop their knowledge and understanding of rhythm through	Social	Take turns, work with others, work safely, respect
,,	call and response. Children will have the opportunity to work independently, with a partner and in a group.	Emotional	Self-control, confidence, independence
		Thinking	Creativity, copying, comprehension
	This unit largely focuses on working with beat and rhythm. Children will learn to notate and perform rhythms and extend this focus into silent beats. They will be given opportunities to	Listening	Respond by mark making, explain how the music makes you feel
	explore creative music-making in both small groups and as a class. Pupils will listen to	Composing	Rhythms, titi/ta and rest beats
Journeys: Unit 2	traditional folk songs and explain how the music makes them feel as well as beginning to understand that music can represent an idea.	Performing	Rhythms, call and response, group, chant, use tempo, call and response
Nursery/Reception		Social	Inclusive, sharing ideas, communication
		Emotional	Confidence, understanding feelings
		Thinking	Apply knowledge, remember and repeat, interpretation, creativity
	In this unit pupils explore music through the topic of the weather. Pupils will learn about pulse and rhythm, high and low pitch and changes in dynamics and tempo. Pupils will listen	Listening	Identify instruments, describe timbre, respond with mark making & movement
Whatever the	to music inspired by the weather and respond to this with movement and mark making. Pupils will learn about a conductor and follow simple hand signals and will have the opportunity to sing and play instruments. Pupils will create new verses and actions to familiar songs. Pupils will compose their own music, creating simple raindrop melodies and a mystery weather piece.	Composing	Simple melodies, thematic piece, creating new verses, create rhythms
Weather: Unit 2		Performing	Repeat rhythms, respond with movement, play percussion, so & mi, add actions, play & sing together
Nursery/Reception		Social	Collaboration, listening, working safely, take turns, share
		Emotional	Self-control, confidence, perseverance, patience, independence
		Thinking	Copy and repeat, comprehension, apply knowledge, follow instructions
	In this unit children learn to identify musical elements such as pulse, rhythm and pitch. This learning is reinforced through physical actions, creative activities and musical games. The	Listening	Changes in pitch, respond with movement, describing sounds
	lessons are structured to build key musical skills including listening and singing activities, matching key pitches so and mi. Children are given opportunities to compose their own music. At the end of the unit there is an opportunity to combine rhythm and pitch.	Composing	Exploring instruments and their sound, simple rhythms, simple melodies
Deep Blue Sea:		Performing	Following hand signals, steady beat, range of percussion instruments, follow written symbols, call and response, identifying pitch, using different voices
Unit 2 Nursery/Reception		Social	Collaboration, working safely, respect, sharing
		Emotional	Self-control, understanding thoughts and feelings
		Thinking	Comprehension, creativity
	This unit focuses on pitch, reading and notating melodies using the notes Mi, So and La. Children are given opportunities to listen to a range of listening pieces identifying and	Listening	Identify sound of instruments, identify dynamics & tempo, express thoughts & feelings, respond with movement
Space: Unit 2	anticipating changes in the music and responding with words and actions. Children also	Composing	To a theme, consider dynamics & tempo, explore 3 notes
Nursery/Reception	have opportunities to compose short pieces of music around the theme using instruments and voices.	Performing	With a partner, percussion instruments, speak, sing & play, simple melodies, pitch, notes so, mi & la
		Social	Collaboration, communication, kindness, patience, sharing, move safely, respect

		Emotional	Independence, self control, persevere
		Thinking	Comprehension, creativity, copy and repeat
	In this unit we explore a range of activities covering performing, composing, listening and singing. Children have the opportunity to listen to a famous pieces of music inspired by	Listening	Mark making, respond with movement, recognise similarities & changes in tempo & dynamics, explain preference
	minibeasts and respond with movement and mark making as well as recognising similarities between the music and expressing their preferences. Children explore pulse	Composing	New verses, words & actions, sound effects, select instruments, dynamics, tempo
Minibeasts: Unit 2	and rhythm, matching words to rhythms. The unit culminates with children creating a piece	Performing	Cing, play percussion, dynamics, tempo, repeat rhythms, match words & rhythms, vocal sounds, pitch, add actions
Nursery/Reception	of music based on the life cycle of a butterfly, using changes of dynamics and tempo and selection of instruments to create this.	Social	Work safely, listen, share, collaborate, support
		Emotional	Share feelings, confidence, patience, respect, self-control
		Thinking	Create, copy, comprehension
	Using the theme of 'The Circus', pupils learn to move in time with the music and think	Singing	Adding actions, soloist, call and response, singing and playing
	about how to describe the music that they hear. They sing songs about the circus and explore listening and creative activities based on different circus performers.	Listening	Identifying message, responding to changes in the music
Circus: Unit 2		Composing	Creating rhythms, improvising
Nursery/Reception		Performing	Playing to the pulse, moving to the music, copying rhythms
		Social	Sharing, respect, kindness, working safely
		Emotional	Confidence, independence, determination
		Thinking	Problem solving, creativity, recall, decision making, select and apply

YEAR 1	Overview	Key Skills	
	Through the stimulus of the five senses, pupils will internalise key musical skills and techniques, exploring music using their voices and classroom instruments. Pupils will	Listening	Identifying dynamics, duration, tempo, timbre, instruments, identifying mood, identifying pitch
	practically engage in a range of musical activities that develop their understanding of the inter-related dimensions of dynamics, duration, timbre, tempo, pitch and rhythm.	Composing	Creating rhythms
Senses Year 1		Performing	In time with a pulse, following a conductor, changing tempo, dynamics & duration, performing rhythms, graphic notation, chant rhythms, sing in two parts
Selises leaf 1		Social	Co-operation, responsibility, respect
		Emotional	Independence, persevere, confidence
		Thinking	Comprehension, feedback
	This unit uses the theme of 'superheroes' to explore the concept of soundscapes, graphic score and the inter-related dimensions of pitch, dynamics and tempo. Pupils participate in	Listening	Identifying pulse, identifying instruments, changes in dynamics
	a variety of activities, consolidating their learning in a group ensemble piece. Pupils will be	Composing	Use dynamics, tempo & structure, explore sound
Superheroes Year 1	given opportunities to think about the links between sounds and words when composing and will use a range of vocal, body percussion and instruments to perform. They will also	Performing	Group ensemble, adding actions, following a score, following a conductor, change dynamics when singing
	be given opportunities to listen and appraise their own and other's work as well as listen to a famous piece of music written by John Williams.	Social	Respect, collaboration, patience
		Emotional	Self-control, independence, confidence

		Thinking	Creativity, comprehension
	In this unit, pupils will learn about the inter-related dimensions of music, exploring dynamics, timbre, tempo and pitch through the topic of Dinosaurs. Using performance,	Listening	Identifying sounds, changes in pitch, matching instruments to sound
	listening and composition tasks, pupils will explore each of the dimensions before applying	Composing	Consider timbre, dynamics & tempo, explore pitch, order sounds
Dinasayus Vaar 1	this when following a graphic score and working with a group to compose their own Dinosaur music.	Performing	Use dynamics, pulse & tempo, percussion, graphic score, follow a conductor, chanting, understand changes in pitch
Dinosaurs Year 1		Social	Co-operation, collaboration, respect, communication, leadership
		Emotional	Confidence, empathy, persevere
		Thinking	Select and apply, comprehension, feedback
	Using 'Carnival of the Animals' by Saint-Saens as a stimulus, pupils explore movements of the work and how instrumentation, dynamics, tempo and pitch are used to convey	Listening	Identify instruments, match instruments to a theme, respond with movement, recognise changes in music
	different animals and the way they move. Pupils learn to explore some of the inter-related	Composing	Improvise, use dynamics & tempo, explore character
Carnival of the	dimensions and use this in their singing, performing, improvisation and composing.	Performing	Ostinato, playing & singing together, explore dynamics, tempo, timbre & pitch, call & response
Animals Year 1		Social	Communication, co-operation, collaboration, support, respect
		Emotional	Determination, empathy, self-control, independence, confidence
		Thinking	Creativity, reflection, comprehension, select/apply
	In this unit, pupils use 'The Magic Flute' opera, by Mozart as a stimulus. This opera is full of 'fantasy and adventure.' The pupils will listen to the story and consider the evil queen and	Listening	Compare music, identify feelings, identify pitch, tempo & dynamics, respond with movement
	how music is used to convey her character. They will compose their own music to create	Composing	Use so & mi, write a score, call & response, change tempo & dynamics, duet & group
Fantasy and	atmosphere and tell a story with a developing understanding of pitch, dynamics and tempo.	Performing	Follow symbols, duet & group, match pitch, call & response, explore dynamics & tempo
Adventure Year 1		Social	Respect, collaboration, patience, communication
		Emotional	Self-control, independence, confidence, empathy, understand feelings
		Thinking	Creativity, comprehension, feedback
	This unit focuses on using graphic symbols and images to create a score. This unit works on two types of graphic scores; simple picture representation and a more structured grid	Listening	Identifying sounds, interpreting music
	score. Pupils are given opportunities to work collaboratively, building on a sequence of	Composing	Creating sound effects, layering sounds, exploring percussion, playing loudly/quietly/quickly/slowly, creating a graphic score
At the Seaside	musical skills that they bring together in a final piece. There is a focus on the steady pulse and playing in time to the beat. Pupils are also given opportunities to listen to a variety of	Performing	Following a score, group ensemble, performing to a pulse, changing tempo, adding actions
Year 1	music and sounds around this theme.	Social	Collaboration, co-operation, sharing, listening
		Emotional	Self-control, identifying emotions, confidence, independence
		Thinking	Select and apply

YEAR 2	Overview		Key Skills
	In this unit, pupils learn to sing and perform folk songs from around the British Isles. They identify features of folk music and explore amongst other musical ingredients: pulse,	Listening	Identify pulse, tempo, structure, (repetition of melody), instruments
	dynamics, pitch and texture. Pupils begin to understand the difference between rhythm	Composing	Improvise rhythmic patterns

	and pulse. They explore dot notation and sing in a round and in parts.	Performing	Class ensemble, drone, play & sing together, create texture, maintain parts, call & response,
	and passer may express decreases and an give a search and in passer.	_	sing in a round, sing/chant in three parts, use dynamics for expression
	In this unit pupils will explore the instruments of the orchestra and the descriptive music of	Listening	Identify instruments, dynamics, tempo, pitch, identify themes
	the Romantic period through the theme of space, specifically Jupiter. Pupils will be responding to music with increasing confidence. Recreating excerpts of the music exploring	Composing	Select and combine resources to create music in response to a non-musical stimulus
	classroom percussion as a class and in small groups, before creating their own Jupiter hymn inspired school anthem.	Performing	Class ensemble, small group ensemble, show changes in dynamics, tempo, add lyrics, demonstrate an aware of occasion
Jupiter Year 2	Pupils will have created performances as a whole class, the process being modelled before	Social	Communication, support, co-operation
	working independently in small groups. The pupils will not listen to the whole of Holst's Jupiter only sections. If pupils are completing quiet tasks in lessons during the unit, play	Emotional	Empathy, confidence
	Jupiter in its entirety as background music.	Thinking	Reflection, problem solving
	Using the theme of Toys as inspiration, pupils will be learning to perform on tuned	Listening	Identify dynamics, tempo & pitch
	instruments, developing their ability to perform together as an ensemble from dot notation. Pupils will perform with an awareness of a steady pulse and have the opportunity	Composing	Create improvised phrases, use dot notation to record a melody
	to improvise on both tuned and untuned percussion instruments as well as compose simple melodies recording their ideas using dot notation.	Performing	Move to music, follow a score, play tuned percussion, play & sing together
Toys Year 2		Social	Co-operation, communication, collaboration, sharing
		Emotional	Determination, perseverance, independence, integrity
		Thinking	Decision making, problem solving, comprehension, creativity, select/apply
	Using the music of Vivaldi's 'The Four Seasons', this unit aims to embed the inter-related dimensions of pulse, dynamics, tempo, rhythm and pitch through performance, improvisation and composition activities. Pupils will be given opportunities to perform and improvise music using their voices, bodies, tuned and untuned instruments. They will explore, select and combine sounds to create their own musical responses to the concept of the four seasonal patterns and the music of Vivaldi. Pupils will have the opportunity to listen and appraise each other's work and a selection of different movements from Vivaldi's 'The Four Seasons.'	Listening	Identify instruments, identify rhythm, pitch, dynamics & tempo
		Composing	Improvise
Four Seasons		Performing	Follow dot & staff notation, use pitch, dynamics & tempo
Year 2		Social	Respect, co-operation, leadership, communication
		Emotional	Empathy, independence
		Thinking	Reflection, decision making, provide feedback, creativity
	Through the topic of the 'Great Fire of London', pupils explore dynamics, pulse, beat and	Listening	Features of Baroque, identify instruments, texture, use of voice, word painting
	rhythm using both stick and graphic notation and interpreting dynamic symbols. Pupils create music in response to a non-musical stimulus, sing and perform on instruments with	Composing	Explore vocal sounds, found sounds, instruments, record rhythms: stick notation
Great Fire of London	a partner, in small groups and as a whole class ensemble and begin to develop knowledge and understanding of baroque music.	Performing	Follow a score, stick notation, body percussion, copy rhythms, chant to a pulse, add actions when singing, sing in a round
Year 2		Social	Co-operation, respect, kindness, communication
		Emotional	Independence, perseverance, empathy, confidence
		Thinking	Provide feedback, select/apply, comprehension, reflection
	This unit embeds pulse and rhythmic skills through performance, improvisation, listening	Listening	Identify instruments, identify rhythm, pitch, dynamics and tempo
Oceans	and composition activities. Pupils will be given the opportunity to perform and compose using their bodies, voices and percussion instruments. They will also learn to read simple	Composing	Improvise rhythm
Year 2	rhythmic notation including crotchets, paired quavers, minims and semibreves. They will explore instrumentation and how different instruments can be used to represent different	Performing	Follow staff notation, use pitch, dynamics and tempo
	aspects of the ocean. Pupils will have the opportunity to sing as part of an ensemble and to		

listen to and appraise their own and each other's work.	Social	Communication, kindness, respect, support, leadership
	Emotional	Confidence, determination, independence, perseverance, honesty, empathy
	Thinking	Creativity, reflection, problem solving, comprehension

YEAR 3	Overview		Key Skills
	Using the Ancient Greek myth of 'Orpheus and Eurydice' and the account of 'Pythagoras and the hammers' as stimuli, this unit embeds pulse and rhythmic skills through performance, improvisation and composition activities. Pupils will be given the opportunity to perform and improvise music using their voices, bodies, tuned and untuned	Listening	Identify inter-related dimensions, identify how the music makes you feel, appraise compositions, place music in history
		Composing	Improvise melodies, soundscapes
Greek Myths	instruments. They will explore, select and combine sounds to create their own musical responses to the story. Pupils will have the opportunity to listen and appraise each other's	Performing	Drone, group ensemble, solo, movement to the pulse, combine singing, dancing & playing
	work as well as two famous pieces of music.	Social	Sharing, inclusion, respect, leadership
		Emotional	Confidence, empathy
		Thinking	Comprehension, remember and repeat, feedback, evaluate, select & apply
	Using the three periods of the 'Stone Age' as a stimulus, pupils learn to read, write and perform from western rhythm notation using 1, ½, 2 and 4 beat notes and the 1 beat rest.	Listening	Identify accuracy of rhythms played
	Pupils demonstrate this knowledge by composing and performing rhythm compositions secularly, fluidly and independently as part of a small group performance.	Composing	Read & write rhythm notation, turn words into rhythms
	securally, natury and independently as part of a small group performance.	Performing	Follow graphic score & western notation, rhythms as a soloist, duet or ensemble, add emotion to voices, chant to the pulse, call & response, add actions
		Social	Sharing, consideration, inclusion, respect, leadership, support
		Emotional	Empathy, confidence
		Thinking	Provide feedback, use feedback to improve, creativity, select & apply
	In this unit pupils will begin to internalise key musical skills and techniques through a range of practical based activities including call-and-response songs, chants and movement.	Listening	Identify instruments, identify inter-related dimensions
	Pupils have the opportunity to revisit and practice basic pitch, pulse and rhythm	Composing	Create rhythms, add actions, improvise melodies
Castles	performance skills. They will move on to embed these skills in both composition and improvisation activities as they explore the development of castles from William the	Performing	Ostinato rhythms, chant and play 2 part, 3 part & 4 part rhythms, conducting, group ensemble, move to the pulse, call & response, sing in character
Year 3	Conqueror onwards, as well as life in and around the castle walls.	Social	Co-operate, supportive, respect, kindness, collaboration
		Emotional	Confidence, empathy, independence
		Thinking	Comprehension, problem solving, select & apply, decision making
	This unit takes inspiration from a country garden and is focused on pupils learning how to combine both rhythm and pitch notation over three notes (C, D, E), to create a simple	Listening	Identify instruments, identify changes in pitch
	melody. Learning is embedded through progressive practical activities with pupils singing, composing, performing and notating their work. Pupils also learn features that appear on	Composing	Rhythmic notation, pitch notation, add accompaniment
In the Garden	notation such as a treble clef, bar lines and time signature. Listening pieces vary from	Performing	Staff notation, graphic notation, play by ear, sing in unison
Year 3	traditional folk to 21st century.	Social	Kindness, respect, collaboration, co-operation, working safely
		Emotional	Confidence, independence, integrity
		Thinking	Comprehension, select & apply, reflection, feedback, creativity

	Using the topic of 'Volcanoes', this unit allows pupils to explore and compose their own music with consideration to the inter-related dimensions of music. The unit has strong links	Listening	Identify the inter-related dimensions
	to literacy and could be combined with poetry and artwork to produce a rich cross-curricular topic. There is a focus on the musicality in words to create rich tapestries of	Composing	Add accompaniment, improvisation, write graphic notation, use the inter-related dimensions
Volcanoes	words, inspiring music and verse. Pupils have opportunities to record ideas as a graphic score and could be extended into artwork or illustration.	Performing	Follow graphic notation, perform as an ensemble
Year 3	score and could be extended into a two K of mastration.	Social	Sharing, collaboration, inclusion, respect, leadership, support
		Emotional	Confidence, independence
		Thinking	Feedback, explore, select & apply, creativity
	In this unit pupils explore how the inter-related dimensions of music: dynamics, tempo,	Listening	Identify instruments, identify the inter-related dimensions
	duration, texture, timbre, pitch and structure, can be combined to communicate an intended effect using the ancient Mayan civilisation as a stimulus for listening, performing	Composing	Use rhythmic & pitch notation, add accompaniments, improvisation
Mayans	and composing. Towards the end of the unit the pupils will be performing from simple given rhythms and melodies.	Performing	Follow staff & graphic notation
Year 3		Social	Sharing, acceptance, inclusion, respect, leadership, support
		Emotional	Empathy, confidence, perseverance
		Thinking	Observation, provide feedback, reflection, select & apply, creativity

YEAR 4	Overview		Key Skills
	This unit focuses on pitch and reading and writing notation. Pupils learn about the pentatonic scale and harmonious sounds through composing, performing and singing tasks.	Listening	Identify characteristics, appraise, identify instruments
	Pupils begin combining rhythm and pitch notation to record their music. All of this is inspired through the exploration of ancient Chinese music, philosophy, myths, and rituals.	Composing	Using pentatonic scale, add accompaniment, improvise, tell a story
Ancient China	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Performing	To the pulse, rhythm and pitch notation, harmonious notes, singing pentatonic scale, soloist, group & class ensemble
		Social	Sharing, respect, collaboration, inclusion
		Emotional	Empathy, confidence
		Thinking	Provide & use feedback, select & apply
	Using the works of great jazz artists such as Ella Fitzgerald, Bessie Smith, Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, and modern day artist Jazzmeia Horn, this unit aims to embed the musical	Listening	Identify characteristics, appraise, identify instruments
	features of jazz music such as swing time, improvisation, scatting and call and response.	Composing	Use pitch, rhythm, improvisation and notation
	Pupils will be given opportunities to perform and improvise music using their voices, bodies and pitched instruments. They will explore combining rhythm and pitch using the	Performing	ollow staff notation, group ensemble, solo, call and response, scatting
	pentatonic scale, to improvise and compose simple melodies. Pupils will have the opportunity to listen and appraise each other's work and a selection of different jazz songs	Social	Respect, support, communication
	from key artists.	Emotional	Confidence, independence
		Thinking	Creativity, decision making, providing feedback, reflection
	This unit explores the musical style of samba. In this unit, focusing on rhythm and pulse, the pupils will have the opportunity to perform samba music as a whole class and in small	Listening	identify characteristics, appraise, identify instruments
Samba	groups. They will explore the instruments of the samba and create their own samba band.	Composing	Polyrhythm, rhythm, staff notation
Year 4		Performing	Follow staff notation, group ensemble, solo, call and response, call and response, sing in a round

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		300101	Respect, support, communication, patience
		Emotional	Confidence, empathy, independence, perseverance
		Thinking	Creativity, decision making, provide feedback, reflection, select & apply, comprehension
Words,Words,Words Year 4	In this unit pupils will explore the language of music through the inter-related dimensions of music. They will deepen their knowledge of the inter-related dimensions and extend their musical vocabulary. Pupils will take inspiration from poetry, art and music and use graphic score to record ideas.	Listening	Identify characteristics, appraise, identify instruments, identify inter-related dimensions
		Composing	Use graphic notation, use inter-related dimensions
		Performing	Follow graphic & western notation, group ensemble, chant & sing exploring inter-related dimensions
		Social	Respect, support, communication, kindness, co-operation
		Emotional	Confidence, independence, perseverance, integrity
		Thinking	Creativity, provide feedback, reflection, select & apply, comprehension
Minimalism Year 4	This unit explores the musical style of minimalism. Pupils have the opportunity to listen and appraise works by key composers of the style. Pupils learn about the compositional devices used in minimalism and use this knowledge to develop their own musical ideas using their bodies and percussion instruments composed in the same style.	Listening	Identify key features, identify inter-related dimensions of music
		Composing	Use staff notation & graphic score
		Performing	Follow graphic notation & staff notation, group ensemble
		Social	Respect, communication, collaboration, leadership
		Emotional	Confidence, perseverance, independence
		Thinking	Provide feedback, creativity, reflection, select & apply
Rivers Year 4	This unit focuses on pitch and creative composition. Pupils will explore composing and performing melodies using the pentatonic scale. They will have opportunities to explore writing and combining their own melodies in small groups. They will explore Smetana's symphonic poem and learn about barcarolles through listening to Offenbach, composing and singing. The unit culminates with the pupils using all elements to create their own barcarolle. Pupils will be listening to Smetana's Vltava in sections throughout this unit. Take the opportunity during quiet times to play this piece as background music over the 6 lessons.	Listening	Identify instruments, identify key features, identify inter-related dimensions of music
		Composing	Select and combine to create texture, use graphic score, use pentatonic scale, write melody & lyrics, compose to represent a theme, use inter-related dimensions
		Performing	Follow graphic notation, sing in unison, group ensemble
		Social	Collaboration, respect, communication
		Emotional	Confidence, perseverance
		Thinking	Select & apply, comprehension, providing feedback

YEAR 5	Overview		Key Skills
	In this unit pupils will compose and perform rhythmic pieces of music using given musical conventions found in traditional African music. They will explore call and answer, ostinato,	Listening	Identify features, identify instruments
Africa Year 5	polyrhythms and the use of mnemonics, through games, song and whole class ensemble performance. Pupils are given the opportunity to listen and appraise their own music as well as the music of their peers.	Composing	Create polyrhythms, create ostinato, use mnemonics, improvise rhythms, structure a piece, use inter-related dimensions
		Performing	Class ensemble, group ensemble, solo, overall appearance of performance, call and response, chant rhythms, sing in two parts
		Social	Sharing, communication, inclusion, respect, leadership, collaboration

		Emotional	Empathy, confidence
		Thinking	Provide feedback, reflection, creativity, select & apply
	Using the 'Vikings' as a stimulus, pupils explore pulse, rhythm and notation through performance, improvisation and composition. Pupils work in groups to compose music from rhythm grids using the inter-related dimensions of music to create effect. Pupils sing with an awareness of pitch in two, three and four part rounds.	Listening	Identify structure, identify inter-related dimensions, identify instruments
		Composing	Use rhythm grids & Western notation, create melody, improvise
Vikings		Performing	Follow Western notation & rhythm grids, group ensemble, sing in 2, 3 & 4 part rounds, pitch
Year 5		Social	over octave Support, co-operation, respect, communication
		Emotional	Confidence, perseverance, resilience, independence
		Thinking	Creativity, reflection, comprehension
	As in all units, pupils develop physical, social, emotional and thinking whole child	Listening	Identifying structure, inter-related dimensions, identifying instruments
	objectives.	Composing	Western notation, melody, ternary form
Planets	In this unit, pupils will compose music inspired by the planets Mars, Venus and Mercury considering mood and motif. Pupils are given the opportunity to listen and appraise the	Performing	Western notation, graphic score, ensemble
Year 5	music of Gustav Holst, John Williams and Mike Oldfield, as well as the music of their peers. They learn how the use of motif and the inter-related dimensions of music combine to create an intended effect.	Social	Sharing, collaboration, inclusion, respect, leadership, co-operation
		Emotional	Confidence, perseverance, resilience, independence
		Thinking	Concentration, creativity, reflection, comprehension
	In this unit pupils explore the genre of rock and roll music through singing, instrumental	Listening	Identify structure, identify instruments, identify features
	playing on tuned percussion, composition and improvisation, and listening and appraising. Pupils learn about the different instruments that typically play in a rock and roll band and their role within the band; exploring lead and backing vocals, chords, lead guitar and bass guitar. Pupils consolidate their learning on rhythm and pitch notation.	Composing	Use Western notation, create melody and bass line
Rock and Roll		Performing	Follow Western notation, improvise, play chords & bass line, sing melody & harmony
Year 5		Social	Collaboration, co-operation, respect, communication
		Emotional	Confidence, perseverance, independence
		Thinking	Creativity, reflection, comprehension, provide feedback
	In this unit, pupils will be introduced to the mystical world and features of Hindustani Classical music of India. Pupils will have the opportunity to listen to a fusion of both Indian and Western music on their musical journey, identifying features and instruments. Pupils will work individually and as part of a group to sing, perform, compose and improvise on both tuned and untuned instruments with consideration of the features of Indian music including how to structure their music. Pupils will record their music using the Indian notes of names and Western notation.	Listening	Identify instruments, identify features of the style
		Composing	Use staff notation, create melodies & rhythms
Melodies of Divinity		Performing	Follow staff notation, soloist & ensemble, match pitch, sing over an octave
Year 5		Social	Respect, collaboration, leadership, co-operation
		Emotional	Confidence, independence, perseverance, determination
		Thinking	Provide feedback, reflection, select & apply, comprehension
	In this unit, pupils explore features of harmony starting with the study of intervals then expanding to chords. By analysing and comparing music from both romantic and 20th century composers, pupils will explore how intervals and chords can be used to convey an intended effect before applying their knowledge and skills in composing their own music.	Listening	Identify inter-related dimensions, effect & character, identify intervals & harmonies
Animal Kingdom		Composing	Use intervals, improvise melodies, use harmonies & chords, use inter-related dimensions
Year 5		Performing	Follow notation, group ensemble, harmonise in 2, 3 & 4 parts

		Social	Co-operate, support, respect, leadership, kindness
	Emotional	Independence, confidence, perseverance, determination, integrity	
	Thinking	Provide feedback, reflection, creativity, select & apply	

YEAR 6	Overview		Key Skills
	Taking inspiration from electrical circuits and symbols, pupils explore pulse, beat, rhythm and notation, writing and performing their own rhythm grid music. Pupils listen to some of the ways music was created using electricity during the first half of the 20th century.	Listening	Identify instruments, identify time signatures, identify features
		Composing	Use inter-related dimensions
Electricity		Performing	Ostinato, polyrhythm, group ensemble, sing in different time signature, play & sing
Year 6		Social	Inclusion, respect, support
		Emotional	Persevere, confidence
		Thinking	Provide feedback, use feedback to improve work, select & apply, creativity, comprehension
	In this unit pupils take inspiration from the musical devices used in Vivaldi's 'The Four Seasons, Winter', to explore how contrasts in music can be used to create programmatic soundscapes. Throughout this unit the pupils will work in groups to create their own descriptive pieces of programmatic music. They will be given opportunities to use stave and graphic notation to record their music, as well as perform in front of others. They will also be given opportunities to appraise the performance of their peers as well as other recorded performances.	Listening	Identify characteristics, identify instruments
		Composing	Use graphic score & staff notation, programmatic music
		Performing	Follow staff notation & graphic score, group ensemble
		Social	Collaborate, sharing, respect, inclusion
	- Coolean period managed	Emotional	Confidence, empathy, integrity
		Thinking	Creativity, select & apply, provide feedback, reflection
	In this unit pupils use GarageBand to develop understanding of music technology. They	Listening	Identify chords, identify instruments
	explore different areas of musical composition such as chord sequences, melody writing, structure (binary and ternary form), texture and instrumentation.	Composing	Use binary/ternary form, construct chords, create melody & accompaniment
Garageband		Performing	Improvisation, chords, structure, match pitch
Year 6		Social	Respect, kindness, leadership, collaboration, communication
		Emotional	Confidence, determination, perseverance, independence, empathy
		Thinking	Reflection, provide feedback, select & apply, problem solving, creativity, comprehension
	This unit provides opportunities for pupils to listen to and appraise the music that was performed during World War 2. Pupils will also listen to some national anthems from the leading countries of World War 2 and learn to sing 'God save the Queen'. They will recap and expand upon features such as expression, dynamics and phrasing to sing songs. Pupils will learn how to perform as class and in smaller group ensembles and how to	Listening	Identifying characteristics
		Composing	Write lyrics, melody & accompaniment
WW2 Year 6		Performing	Follow staff notation, group ensemble, sing in 2, 3 & 4 parts
	communicate effectively as an ensemble. Pupils will have the opportunity to write their own song lyrics to celebrate the life of a soldier, learning about structuring a song with	Social	Respect, communication
	verses and a chorus, creating a melody and learning how to accompany that melody.	Emotional	Confidence, perseverance
	Throughout the unit pupils will listen to and appraise their own and other's performances.		

		Thinking	Reflection, select & apply, provide feedback
	Using four celebrations from around the world, Chinese New Year (China), St Patrick's Day (Ireland), Punjabi Weddings (Pakistan/North India) and Rio Carnival (Brazil), pupils will learn that celebrations are an important aspect of culture, bringing communities together through dance and music. This unit aims to expose pupils to the different styles of music that are used in celebrations. Pupils will listen to and appraise music for each celebration. They will recap and expand upon features such as melodic patterns and rhythm to perform music for celebrations. Pupils will then have the opportunity to select and combine musical features learnt to compose, notate and perform their own piece of music for a celebration. Throughout the unit pupils will listen to appraise their own and others music.	Listening	Identify features, identify instruments
		Composing	Pentatonic scale, time signatures, syncopated rhythms, ostinato, melody, drone
Celebrations		Performing	Follow staff notation, use drone, melody & rhythmic ostinato, group ensemble
Year 6		Social	Respect, communication, kindness, leadership, support
		Emotional	Confidence, perseverance, independence, determination
		Thinking	Reflection, provide feedback, select & apply
	Pupils are exposed to a brief history of reggae, seeing it is an important music genre. Pupils will learn about the key reggae musical features and will listen to and appraise music by reggae artists.	Listening	Identify features
		Composing	Bass line from triads
Reggae Year 6	Pupils will recap and expand upon features such as structure, chord patterns, riffs, bass line and rhythm to learn different parts of 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley. Pupils will have the opportunity to create, rehearse and refine an ensemble performance of 'Three Little Birds' in small groups. Throughout the unit pupils will listen to and appraise their own and the performances of others.	Performing	Combine, rehearse and refine an ensemble performance, maintain a challenging independent part, follow notation
		Social	Respect, kindness, leadership, support
		Emotional	Confidence, determination, perseverance, independence
		Thinking	Reflection, provide feedback, select & apply