Music – long term plan from EYFS to Year 6

This is an interim long term plan for music whilst curriculum design is reviewed in Spring 2 2023

EYFS and KS1 * indicates cross-curricular link

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1 and 2
EYFS Vocab focus	High and low (pitch)	Long and short (duration)	Loud and soft (dynamics)	Fast and slow (tempo)	Instruments can sound can be different (timbre) Instruments can be played together (texture)
Year 1	Pulse and Rhythm* (All about me) Identifying the difference between the pulse and rhythm of a song and consolidating understanding of these concepts through listening and performing activities.	Musical Vocab (Under the sea) Exploring key musical vocabulary, children explore pitches and rhythms. They choose instruments to represent sea creatures and perform a layer of music within an overall piece	Pitch and Tempo* (Superheroes) Learning how to identify high and low notes and to compose a simple tune, exploring some different instruments and investigating how tempo changes help tell a story and make music more exciting.	Timbre and Rhythmic Patterns (Fairytales) Introducing the concept of timbre; learning that different sounds can represent characters and key events in a story. Clapping to the syllables of words and phrases before creating rhythmic patterns.	We are Composers: Vocal and Body Sounds (By the sea) Creating movements and sounds (including body percussion) to represent seaside sounds and images. Creating a graphic score to depict the sounds they have chosen.

Year 2	Musical Me	Orchestral Instruments	African Call and	Myths and Legends	We are Composers:
	Learning to sing the	(Traditional Stories)	Response*	Developing	<u>Dynamics, timbre, tempo</u>
	song 'Once a Man Fell	Introducing the	(Animals)	understanding of	and motifs (Space)
	in a Well' and to play it	instruments of the	Using instruments to	musical language and	Identifying dynamics,
	using tuned percussion,	orchestra. Learning	represent animals,	how timbre, dynamics	timbre, tempo and
	adding sound effects,	how different	copying rhythms,	and tempo affect the	instruments in music and
	experimenting with	characters can be	learning a traditional	mood of a song	comparing pieces by the
	timbre and dynamics	represented by timbre,	African call and		same composer.
	and using letter	how emotions can be	response song and		Composing and playing
	notation to write a	represented by pitch	recognising simple		motifs and representing
	melody	and how changes in	notation, progressing to		sounds using both creative
		tempo can convey	creating animal-based		and more formal scores.
		action.	call and response		
			rhythms.		

KS2

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Year 3	Ballads Learning what ballads are, how to identify their features and how to convey different emotions when performing. Selecting vocabulary to describe a story, before turning it into lyrics following the structure of a traditional ballad.	Developing Singing Technique (Vikings) Developing singing technique; learning to keep in time, using musical notation and rhythm, culminating in a group performance of a song with actions.	Pentatonic Melodies and Composition* (Chinese New Year) Using the story of Chinese New Year as a stimulus: revising key musical terminology, playing and creating pentatonic melodies, composing a piece of music in a group using layered melodies and performing a finished piece.	Traditional Instruments and Improvisation* (India) Introducing to traditional Indian music. Learning about the rag and tal, listening to a range of examples of Indian music, identifying traditional instruments and creating improvisations and performing.	We are Composers: Jazz, ragtime and scat! Learning about the origins of Jazz, describing features and changes in music and composing a Jazz piece using notation to record. Using vocabulary to describe and explain what we hear, and using terminology to describe notation.
Year 4	Adapting and Transposing Motifs* (Romans) Drawing upon the children's understanding of repeating patterns in music, pupils are introduced to the concept of motifs and adapt and transpose	Samba and Carnival Sounds and Instruments Introducing samba and the sights and sounds of the carnival. Learning about the traditional sounds and instruments of Samba music, using syncopated rhythms and composing samba breaks.	Body and Tuned Percussion* (Rainforests) Exploring the rainforest through music whilst being introduced to new musical terms. Using a mixture of body percussion and tuned percussion instruments	Changes in Pitch, Tempo and Dynamics* (Rivers) Linking to geography learning, pupils represent different stages of the river through vocal and percussive ostinatos, culminating in a final group performance.	We are Composers: Haiku music and performance (Hanami) Using descriptive vocabulary, creating a Haiku. Then improvising and composing music and adding percussive sound effects. Considering how music can be notated to represent the sounds and other dynamics.

	motifs and perform them to their peers.		to create rhythms of the rainforest, layer by layer		
Year 5	Composition Notation *(Ancient Egypt) Identifying the pitch and rhythm of written notes and experimenting with notating compositions in different ways to help develop the children's understanding of staff notation.	South and West Africa Learning 'Shosholoza', a traditional South African song, playing the accompanying chords using tuned percussion and learning to play the djembe and accompanying dance moves.	Blues * Identifying the key features and mood of Blues music and its importance and purpose. Learning the 12-bar Blues and the Blues scale, and combining these to create an improvised piece with a familiar, repetitive backing	Composition to Represent Holi* Exploring the associations between music, sounds and colour, composing and, as a class and performing their own musical composition to represent Holi.	We are Composers: Looping and Remixing (Composing on MusicLab) Leaning how dance music is created, focusing on the use of loops. Learning how to play a well-known song and then using MusicLab to adapt it to the dance music genre and create own versions.
Year 6	Advanced Rhythms Exploring rhythmic patterns in order to build a sense of pulse and using this understanding to create a composition	Theme and Variations (Pop art) Exploring the musical concept of theme and variations and discovering how rhythms can 'translate' onto different instruments	Dynamics: Pitch and Tempo (Fingal's Cave) Appraising the work of Mendelssohn and further developing the skills of improvisation and composition.	Composing and Performing a Leavers' Song Creating their own leavers' song personal to their experiences as a class; listening to and critiquing well known songs, writing the lyrics, exploring the concept of the four chord backing track and composing melodies.	We are Composers: Film Music Appraising and identifying composition techniques in film. Learning how music can influence the impact of a film. Creating musical ideas based on film themes and exploring notation to represent the sounds.