



Knowledge Building

Instrumentation

The combination of instruments used in a piece of music is known as **instrumentation**. Part of composition involves planning for different instruments and their groupings. Recognising the connection between the musical elements and **instrumentation** is an important part of thinking musically, as timbre, texture, pitch, dynamics all link directly to instrumentation.

Notation

Notation is music that has been written down so performers, whether instrumental or vocal, can read the pitch and duration of the notes they are supposed to be played and sing. It consists of a series of symbols and markings that inform musicians how to perform a composition. Types and methods of notation vary between cultures and throughout history. Modern staff notation, written on five horizontal parallel lines, is the most used form worldwide.

Cultural Understanding

Songs and music act as a mirror for the history, values and traditions of different cultures. Even though there is diversity in the types of music that people enjoy (which often relates to cultural norms), it is universally agreed that music is an important way of expressing ourselves as human beings. Music offers a means of **intercultural understanding** and appreciation.

Musical Vocabulary

Music vocabulary relates to genres, instrumentation, Subject specific vocabulary for music can be found in Italian as well as English. Italian terms are most commonly used when composers are instructing performers, telling them how they want their music to be played e.g. for "fast" the music would say "allegro" or for "loud" it would say "forte".

Musical Elements

The **Musical Elements** are sometimes also called the inter-related dimensions of music. They are **pitch, timbre, texture, duration, dynamics, structure** and **tempo**. These are the fundamental building blocks of all music and are essential components that distinguish noise and random sounds from music.

Singing

Singing is the act of producing musical sounds with the voice. There are five main components of singing: **breathing**, **pitch**, **rhythm**, **diction**, **and voice**. A person who sings is called a singer or vocalist and singers perform music that can be sung, with or without accompaniment by musical instruments.

*The **Technical**, **Constructive** and **Expressive** aspects of music are taught across the six pillars.







ACORN: EXPLORERS AND PATHFINDERS

	Knowledge Building								
Instrumentation	Notation	Cultural Understanding	Musical Vocabulary	Musical Elements	Singing				
Know the names of some basic tuned instruments and untuned percussions Know that symbols represent sounds in music singing games from local, national and pupils' own heritages		Know and understand simple words related to tempo e.g. fast and dynamics e.g. loud	Know a range of simple songs						
Know the names of an increasing range of instruments and how they are played Understand and use simple graphic notation Now about music from world heritages and a range of cultures		Know and understand words related to pitch and duration, such as high and long Know and understand the elements of pitch and duration, including beat, rhythm and pattern Know and understand the posture		Know and understand about basic posture					
		Learning P	Progression						
	Reception			Year 1 and 2					
 Listen with increased attention to sounds Respond to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings Remember and sing entire songs Sing the pitch of a tone sung by another person ('pitch match') Sing the melodic shape (moving melody, such as up and down, down and up) of familiar songs Create their own songs, or improvise a song around one they know Play instrument with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and - when appropriate try to move in time with the music Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody 			Mu10 Repeat short, rhythmic and me Mu11 Select and order sounds within Mu12 Experiment with, create, select pitch Mu13 Represent sounds with symbols Mu14 Play musical instruments with a Mu15 Identify the beat and join in get Mu16 Recognise and explore how sou Mu17 Begin to sing in tune with expre	e and changed ande and changed ces of music al instruments to different musical moods sponse to given starting points leir hands and use high, low and middle slodic patterns to a given beat simple structures and sounds in response and combine sounds using inter-related sespenses on and control, listening and obtaining faster and slower together unds can be organised ession and control y simple songs, sequences and rhythmicin music in response to symbols	use to given starting points and musical dimensions e.g. tempo, oserving carefully				







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Explorers (Reception) and Pathfinders (Years 1 and 2)

Cycle A: Autumn 1

Happy to be Me

• To learn songs and singing games that involve people's names

- To know a range of songs that incorporate body parts and moving
- **Key Vocabulary**

name, song, rhyme, rhythm, singing rhymes, clap, repetition

Cycle A: Spring 2

- To know a range of songs from different cultures and traditions
- To understand how to compose some simple music within a specific soundscape or genre

Key Vocabulary

Chinese music, triangles, gong, drums, Chinese dragon and lions

Come Fly With Me! Asia

Cycle A: Summer 2

Light Up the World

Through investigation, pupils will choose instruments whose sound depict the images of light and dark. Then, using the firework video clip as a stimulus, pupils will explore and match some of those light sounds to provide a musical soundtrack for the footage.

Concepts

NC - Listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music

- To know how to create and follow a graphic score
- To understand the meaning of timbre
- To know the importance of structure in a piece of music

Cycle A: Autumn 2



Unity in the Community

Skills Development - Texture

- To learn the meaning of 'texture'
- To be able to recognise the difference between a thin and thicker texture

Pupils begin by looking at signs and symbols they can see around school and then in their locality. Photographs of selected signs and symbols are used in composition work, exploring vocal and percussion sounds to match to signs. A dynamics focus will be included, introducing the musical signs for loud and guiet.

Concepts

NC - Play tuned and untuned instruments musically

- To know how symbols are used in composition
- To know that the dynamic symbol f means 'loud' and p means 'quiet'
- To know what is meant by musical texture
- To name and know how to play a range of musical instruments

Cycle A: Summer 1

No Place Like Home

- To know a range of sounds linked to everyday objects
- To understand that some everyday objects can be used as percussion instruments

Key Vocabulary

hit, pluck, scrape, blow, shake, percussions, instrument, listen





To order sounds to create a structured piece of music



Cycle B: Autumn 1	Cycle B: Autumn 2
	Help Is At Hand
Happily Ever After	To know a song related to the jobs that people do
	To know and compose a range of sound effects to match jobs and actions
Skills Development - Timbre	
To learn the meaning of 'timbre' and recognise that voices have their own unique timbre	Key Vocabulary
To recognise that different instruments have their own unique timbres and be able to identify some	sound effect, song
instruments by listening to their sound	
Pupils will work on producing sound effects to perform to enhance the re-telling of different fairy stories.	
Concepts	
NC - Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music	
To understand the meaning of pitch	
To know the meaning of tempo	
To know that dynamics relates to volume	
To know what sound effects are and how they are used	
To know how to create and follow a graphic score	
Cycle B: Spring 2	Cycle B: Summer 2
Come Fly With Me! Arctic Circle	What on Earth?
	To know how to link sounds with the item that's makes them
Skills Development - Pitch	To know how to link symbols with sounds and compose their own
To explore the element of pitch using voices	
To increase control of vocal pitch	Key Vocabulary
To use pitched instruments and accurately match their voices to the different notes they can hear	symbols, sounds, instrumental, vocal, percussion, composition
A singing-based unit, with children learning and performing "Oh, I Do Like to be Inside My Igloo".	
They then learn about the tradition of Inuit Throat Singing and have the opportunity to try out this	
traditional type of musical performance.	
Concepts	
NC - Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes	
To understand what beat is	
To know what lyrics are in a song	
To know the importance of posture and vocal warm-ups when singing	
To know what Inuit throat singing is, its history and purpose	
Cycle C: Autumn 1	Cycle C: Autumn 2
Inter-Nation Media Station	Land Ahoy!
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Skills Development - Structure	Skills Development - Dynamics
To learn what 'structure' means in the context of music	To identify the difference between loud and quiet sounds





Pupils begin by listening to examples of jingles, identifying features, and discussing how jingles can help you to remember things. Using the same structure as the song "If You're Happy and You Know it", they will add new lyrics to create a jingle for a new breakfast cereal.

Concepts

NC - Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music

- To know the meaning of timbre
- To know what lyrics are in a song
- To know what a jingle is and understand its purpose
- To know what sound effects are and how they are used

dynamics, on tuned percussion
Pupils begin by learning 'Shiver me Timbers' song. They then think of sounds associated with pirates and the sea

Pupils begin by learning 'Shiver me Timbers' song. They then think of sounds associated with pirates and the se to add to the song. A soundtrack will be created using instrumental and vocal sounds to replicate those chosen for the song. Some of the sounds will be used to add verses to the song.

To play copycat rhythms, copying a leader, and invent rhythms for others to copy with an awareness o

Concepts

NC - Play tuned and untuned instruments musically

- To know what lyrics are in a song
- To name and know how to play a range of musical instruments
- To understand the role of a conductor
- To understand what beat is and the importance of keeping the beat

Cycle C: Spring 2



Zero to Hero

Skills Development – Duration (Beat and Rhythm)

- To mark the beat of a listening piece by tapping or clapping and recognising tempo as well as change in tempo
- To identify the beat groupings in familiar music that they listen to

Concepts

NC - Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes

- To know what cheerleading is and learn about the history of cheerleading
- To understand the importance of listening to others when performing in a group

Cycle C: Summer 2





Skills Development - Tempo

- To learn that the speed (tempo) of the beat can change, creating a faster or slower pace
- To mark the beat of a listening piece by tapping or clapping and recognising tempo as well as change in tempo
- To walk in time to the beat of a piece of music

The unit will begin by listening to some African music. Pupils will discuss the kinds of animals that can be found on safari in Africa, and they will learn that a number of African animals are endangered. Five animals will be chosen to be represented using vocal and instrumental sounds. The sounds will be recorded using audacity and manipulated to create a jungle soundtrack.

Concepts

NC - Play tuned and untuned instruments musically

- To know what beat is
- To name and know how to play a range of musical instruments
- To know what is meant by tempo
- To know the meaning of dynamics
- To know what sound effects are and how they can be used to enhance a performance







	Key Vocabulary								
Come Fly With Me! Arctic Circle				Inter-Nation Media Station					
tempo	posture	rehearse	pitch	jingle	message	instrumental	composition		
timbre	diction	Inuit Throat Singing	dynamic	catchy	advertising	vocal	performance		
tune	vocal warm-up	repertoire		rhyming words	beat				
Zero To Hero				Hapı	pily Ever After				
chant	cheerleading	repetition	counts	sound effects	tempo	symbols			
sporting chant	rhyme	metre	tempo	dynamics	graphic score	notation			
	Unity in	the Community		Going Wild					
dynamics	signs	body percussion	p (piano)	tempo	recording	backing track			
structure	symbols	f (forte)	sequencing	duration	soundtrack				
texture	vocal percussion								
Light Up the World					and Ahoy!				
dynamics	texture	accompaniment	extract	dynamics	structure	soundscape	beats		
duration	high-pitched	graphic notation	low-pitched	duration	song	actions			
timbre				timbre	lyrics	instruments			







OAK: ADVENTURERS AND NAVIGATORS

Knowledge Building								
Instrumentation	Notation	Cultural Understanding	Musical Vocabulary	Musical Elements	Singing			
Know about different instrument families and ensemble groupings e.g. orchestra, brass band	amilies and ensemble groupings understand how they are used in styles and their origins		Know and understand words related to texture, timbre and structure such as layers and tone	Know and understand about techniques, such as breathing linked to phrasing				
Understand how instruments have developed and evolved over time	Know and understand basic pitch notation	Understand how music is used for different purposes within different cultures	Know and understand more specific vocabulary linked to the elements such as ostinato (duration)	Know and understand how the elements combine to create different musical styles and effects	Know and understand a range of styles, such as call and response songs and rounds.			
		Skills Pro	ogression					
	Music Skills Adventurers Y3 and 4			Music Skills Navigators Y5 and Y6				
Mu21 Explore the way sounds can be combined and used expressively Mu22 Improvise repeated patterns Mu23 Compose and perform simple accompaniments recognising different musical elements and how they can be used together to compose music Mu24 Explore sounds using symbols and ICT Mu25 Begin to recognise, recall and perform simple rhythmic patterns Mu26 Recognise and explore different combinations of pitch sounds Mu27 Listen carefully and recognise patterns and increase aural memory Mu28 Begin to sing in tune expressively with an awareness of beat and rhythm Mu29 Perform with control and awareness of audience Mu30 Explore and extend the ways sounds can be combined and used expressively to convey mood and emotion Mu31 Improvise simple tunes based on the pentatonic scale Mu32 Compose and perform simple melodies recognising different musical elements and how they can be used together to compose music Mu33 Explore, recall and plan sounds using symbols and ICT Mu34 Combine several layers of sound, observing the combined effect Mu35 Listen carefully, recognise and use repeated patterns and increase aural memory Mu36 Internalise sounds by singing parts of a song 'in their heads' and attempt to play simple melodic phrases by ear Mu37 Perform with awareness of different parts that others are playing or singing			Mu4o Explore the use of notation and Mu41 Suggest improvements to thei Mu42 Identify the relationship betwee Mu43 Describe and compare differen Mu44 Listen carefully, developing an Mu45 Perform by ear Mu46 Perform rounds and part songstogether to achieve an overall effect Mu47 Sing songs with increasing con Mu48 Use ICT to change and manipu Mu49 Compose their own instrument Mu50 Explore the use of notation and Mu51 Refine and improve their work intentions have been achieved Mu52 Perform significant parts from Mu53 Analyse and compare musical Mu54 Listen carefully, demonstrating Mu55 Perform solo and lead others from Mu56 Subdivide the pulse and identifiand weak beats Mu57 Use a variety of notation	ng points by developing ideas within mud ICT to support creative work of own and others' work een sounds and how music reflects differ the kinds of music using key musical voca didemonstrating musical understanding, maintaining their own part with award trol of breathing, posture and sound prolate sounds tall and vocal music and perform their or did ICT to support creative expression through evaluation, analysis and comparements, with awareness of their own of the comparements of their own of the comparements and structures using appropriating musical understanding and increasing musical understanding and increasing	rent intentions bulary g eness of how different parts fit ojection wn and others' compositions erison, commenting on how contributions te musical vocabulary aural memory recognising the pattern of strong			







Knowledge Progression

ADVENTURERS (Years 3 and 4) AND NAVIGATORS (Years 5 and 6)

Cycle A: Spring 2



Come Fly With Me! Africa

Skills Development - Structure

- To learn about repetition as a compositional tool and to understand the term 'ostinato'
- To structure musical ideas, creating music that has a beginning, middle and end

Pupils will learn to recognise the main features and instruments used in African music. They will then explore the techniques of 'call and response'. Finally, pupils will develop ensemble skills by rehearsing and performing a rhythmic pattern, which uses the call and response technique.

Concepts

NC - Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians

- To know what call and response is in a piece of music
- To know that call and response is a feature of African music
- To know that the drum is integral to African music
- To know how to play hand drums and other percussion to create different sounds
- To know how important tempo, dynamics and pitch are in call and response singing

Cycle B: Autumn 1



Lightning Speed

Skills Development - Tempo To copy stepwise melodic phrases

• To copy stepwise melodic phrases with accuracy at different speeds: allegro and adagio, fast and slow The unit focuses specifically on the musical element of tempo, developing listening and appraising skills through comparing contrasting piece of music. Pupils will be able to apply their knowledge of the effects achieved by choosing specific tempos for a purpose and see how changing tempo in a piece can create drama and evoke mood changes. They will go on to explore moods created by music and look at how the combined musical elements contribute to the overall effect of a piece.

Concepts

NC - Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music

- To know that music can affect mood and emotions
- To know how to use tempo and pitch to create drama and evoke different moods
- To know the features of major and minor tonality
- To understand and explain their own personal likes and dislikes in music, related back to the elements of music

Cycle A: Summer 2





Skills Development - Texture

- To use listening skills to correctly identify how many sounds they can hear and to name the individual instrument voices
- To create and play a group piece which shows understanding of texture and notation
 This unit focuses on the origins of ancient Celtic music, beginning with two of the best-known ancient
 instruments the carnyx and the crwth. Pupils will then look at the broader genre of Celtic music and how it has
 developed, up to the present day.

Concepts

NC - Develop an understanding of the history of music

- To know what the ancient instruments, the carnyx and the crwth, are
- To know the origins of Celtic music
- To know that the bodhran is a Celtic drum
- To understand what improvisation means
- To know what a rhythmic pattern is

Cycle B: Autumn 2



Law And Order

Skills Development - Duration

- To use listening skills to keep the beat in a piece of music, showing awareness of and responding to change in tempo
- To make compositional decisions about the overall structure of improvisations
- To improvise by inventing short 'on-the-spot' rhythm patterns

Pupils be introduced note values and use Lego to begin to understand the concept of duration of notes, time and metre in music. They will compose rhythmic patterns and perform them.

Concepts

NC - Use and understand staff and other musical notations

- To know the basic notation values
- To know what crotchets, minims and semibreves are
- To know how to read simple duration notation

To know the importance of listening to each other when performing in groups







Cycle B: Spring 2



Cry Freedom

Skills Development - Singing

- To practice breathing techniques in order to improve vocal control
- To improve diction when singing
- To understand the importance of posture when singing

With a focus on coded songs from the Underground Railroad, pupils will learn about the contribution of Harriet Tubman in helping slaves escape to the northern states of America. They will learn how her songs provided instructions and maps to quide people to freedom.

Concepts

NC - Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians

NC - Develop an understanding of the history of music

Cycle C: Autumn 1



Mission Control

Skills Development - Duration

- To understand what metre is and its relationship to beat
- To know how to identify metre within a piece of music
- To know what a polyrhythm is

Pupils find out about the concept of 'orbits' and relate it to cyclic patterns. Pupils will experiment with cyclic patterns focus on strong beats. They will improvise melodic cyclic patterns and then try combining them with rhythmic cycles. Then, pupils will explore the genre of musicals, leading to the composition of a mini musical based on the first moon landing.

Concepts

NC - Use and understand staff and other musical notations

- To understand what a cyclic pattern is
- To understand the difference between strong and weak beats in a piece of music
- To know what metre means
- To know how to notate a simple melody, using letter names or on a stave
- To know what a musical is and the features of this genre

Cycle C: Spring 2



Come Fly With Me! America

Skills Development - Singing

- To understand the importance of diaphragmatic breathing when singing
- To understand what a round is and learn to sing a round in two parts

Cycle B: Summer 2



Under The Canopy

Skills Development - Timbre

- To improvise using tuned and untuned instruments
- To learn about instrument families and how they can be recognised by their timbre
- To use listening skills to correctly identify different instrument voices

Concepts

NC - Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music

- To understand and explain what texture is
- To know how to identify low and high pitched sounds
- To know the importance of listening to each other when performing in groups

Cycle C: Autumn 2



You're Not Invited

Skills Development - Dynamics

- To use listening skills to identify and distinguish between a wider range of dynamics
- To create sounds with a range of dynamics, with accuracy

Pupils will explore old Norse Battle mottos and devise their own. Then, they will look at other battle chants such as the Haka, perform and add a beat using appropriate instruments. They will compose a soundscape to depict a battle scene.

Concepts

NC - Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music

- To know that music is used for different purposes, including keeping spirits up in battle
- To understand how pitch and dynamics have an impact on the overall effect of a piece of music
- To know the impact that tempo and beat have on a piece of music
- To know about the origins of the Haka and its meaning

Cycle C: Summer 2



Global Warning

Learn the 'Global Warning' song and perform in two parts. Research eco-issues related to the elements mentioned in the song. Then, compose lyrics beginning "If we don't make changes now....." and record them, adding sound effects.







This unit looks at the following national anthems: - England 'God Save the Queen', USA 'The Star-Spangled Banner', France 'Le Marseillaise', South Africa 'Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika' (God Bless Africa) and Germany 'Deutschlandlied'. Pupils will examine the broad features of national anthems, analyse the above and compare them, looking for similarities and differences.

Concepts

NC - Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians

- To know what a national anthem is and its purpose
- To know the meaning of 'crescendo'
- To know that music can affect mood and emotions
- To know which orchestral families some instruments belong to
- To be able to correctly play a range of percussion instruments

Cycle D: Autumn 1

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Skills Development – Instrumentation and Notation

A World of Bright Ideas

- To use listening skills to identify instruments playing both individually and in small groups
- To distinguish between similar timbres to correctly identify and name instruments
- To learn what a chord is a how a chord is played
- To develop notation reading skills

Focusing on the development of the guitar and the flute, pupils examine the changes that have taken place in the evolution of each instrument and how that links with the generic creative process of observe, reflect, make.

Concepts

NC - Develop an understanding of the history of music

- To know about the history and evolution of the guitar
- To know how to recognise the instruments heard in a piece of music
- To know about the history and evolution of the flute
- To understand the importance and impact of timbre in music
- To know which instruments belong to the flute and guitar families

Cycle D: Spring 2

"I Have a Dream..."



Skills Development - Structure

To understand ternary form and compose a piece of music using this structure

The slave trade is described by some as the pre-cursor to apartheid. Pupils will explore the history of the slave trade songs. Use 'Swing Low' as an example of a popular call and response spiritual folk song, to play simple melodic phrases by ear and sing expressively. They will sing in two parts and compose a Soundscape to go with 'Gospel Train'.

Concepts

NC - Develop an understanding of the history of music

Concepts

NC - Listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory

- To know what a 'verse' is in a piece of music
- To know what an echo is
- To know what a call and response song is
- To know how to record a composition using digital technology

Cycle D: Autumn 2



Wars of the World

- Skills Development
- To identify whether consecutive notes are higher or lower in pitch
- To learn about performing music without having to read from a score

Wartime songs were hugely popular in their day and seen as an important tool for motivating troops and keeping spirits up. Pupils will learn some popular World War Songs. They will also learn an original song that tells the story of the Christmas 1914 truce, before examining two other anti-war Christmas songs.

Concepts

NC - Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression

- To know that music is used for a variety of purposes
- To know how to use dynamics in singing
- To know the importance of listening to each other when singing and performing



JMusic



- To know what folk music is
- To know some English folk music
- To know about the origins of spiritual folk / slave songs
- To understand what a musical phrase is







			Key V	ocabulary			
Come Fly With Me! Africa					Cry F	reedom	
tempo	timbre	percussion	Kpanlogo drum	Underground	coded songs	diction	posture
dynamic	duration	djembe drum	repetition	Railroad			
pitch	call and response	slit drum					
texture	rhythmic pattern	talking drum					
	<u>Lightr</u>	ing Speed			Picture (Our Planet	
tempo	slow	tonality	scale	carnyx	stringed instrument	harp	fiddle
pitch	notate	major	playlist	crwths	wind instrument	bouzouki	Celtic music
fast	mood music	minor		carnyces	hammer dulcimer	tin whistle	
				plucked			
	Under ⁻	The Canopy			Law a	nd Order	
timbre	pitch	soundscape	body percussion	duration	metre	crotchet	notation
dynamics	texture	animal sounds	body music	notes	composer	minim	
				timing	composing	semibreve	
	Missio	on Control			A World of	Bright Ideas	
structure	pitch - notation	melodic patterns	musicals	timbre	musical evolution	woodwind	
texture	cyclic rhythms	strong and weak		guitar	sitar	string	
dynamic		beats		flute	oud	creative process	
	Come Fly W	ith Me! America			"I Have A	A Dream"	
tempo	pitch	musical patriotism	lyric	tempo	folk music	melodic ostinato	genre
dynamic	national anthems	verse		dynamic	slave songs	rhythmic ostinato	
				pitch	notes		
	You're	Not Invited			Global	Warning	
texture	battle motto	texture	battle motto	pitch	structure	compose	perform
timbre	chant	timbre	chant	texture	solo	rehearse	





tempo	rhythmic ostinato	tempo	rhythmic ostinato	timbre	duet	record	
structure	Haka	structure	Haka		Wa	ars of the World	
duration	call and response	duration	call and response	tempo	structure	solo parts	Christmas song
dynamics	accelerando	dynamics	accelerando	dynamic	morale	choral singing	







End Goals

Explorers / EYFS

Our aim in teaching music in Explorers is to enable pupils to begin to develop an understanding of, and enjoyment in, musical expression. They should be able to listen attentively and demonstrate an ability to respond simply to music they have heard (including pieces reflective of their own heritage(s)), expressing their thoughts and feelings. By the end of the phase, they should be able to sing a range of simple songs and join in with singing games, with an awareness of tempo and dynamics. They should know the names of and know how to play some basic tuned and untuned percussion instruments. Pupils should also be aware of how symbols can be used to represent sounds in music.

Pathfinders / KS1

Our aim in teaching music in Pathfinders is to expand their musical repertoire and expose them to wider forms of musical expression. Pupils should have developed their range of singing skills in relation to pitch, diction, and posture. They should also be using more technical vocabulary in the correct musical contexts. They should be able to use graphic scoring techniques to notate and should have a secure knowledge and understanding of the elements of beat, rhythm and pitch and be able to demonstrate this. They should also know the names of an increasing range of instruments and how they are to be played.

Adventurers / LKS2

Our aim in teaching music in Adventurers is to develop pupils' appreciation of how the musical elements combine in the construction of music, to realise an expressive intention. They should be developing their own musical tastes and be able to give reasons for their personal preferences. They should know about different instrument families and ensemble groupings and be able to play a range of instruments with increasing accuracy and fluency. They should also be confident to try playing by ear, showing an increased aural memory. Pupils should know about a range of musical styles and their origins and have developed singing techniques that include a focus on breathing and phrasing.

Navigators / UKS2

Our aim in teaching music in Navigators is to increase their confidence in improvisation, with a clear awareness of form and structure. Pupils should have a deeper understanding of how the musical elements combine when constructing pieces to create a desired effect or intent. They should have experience of singing across a range of styles, such as rounds, two parts and call and response. Their use of technical vocabulary should include more advanced terms, such as Italian musical directions that indicate how a piece should be played, and they should be able to compare musical forms and structures using appropriate musical vocabulary. They should also have an understanding of how music is used for different purposes within different cultures. The historical aspect of musical, including the development and evolution of instruments over time, should be an area they are increasingly aware of.

