

St Margaret's CE Primary School

Progression of skills in Music

	<u>Performing</u>	<u>Improvising & Composing</u>	<u>Listening & Appraising</u>	<u>Knowledge of Musical Features and Notation</u>	<u>Knowledge of History of Music</u>
Year one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Sing and rap songs from memory in unison. ♪ Know that we can make different types of sounds with our voices. ♪ Play a simple tuned instrumental part with the song they perform. ♪ Be able to add their ideas to performances and appraise their performance. ♪ Know the names of instruments they are playing and how to treat them. ♪ Be able to start and stop singing when following a leader and follow musical performance instructions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Know that we can create rhythms from words. ♪ Know what improvisation and composition are. ♪ Be able to improvise by clapping a simple rhythm or playing a two-note melody on instruments. ♪ Help compose a simple melody using up to three notes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Be able to enjoy moving to music. ♪ Know some songs off by heart and what they are about. ♪ Know the names and recognise the sound of some instruments. ♪ Find the pulse. ♪ Copy short rhythmic and melodic phrases. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Know that music has a steady pulse. ♪ Know about high and low pitches. ♪ Learn the names of notes in the instrumental part that they are playing, from memory or when written down. ♪ Know how the notes of their compositions can be written down. 	
Year two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Know how to play and sing high and low pitches. ♪ Understand the purpose of a vocal warm-up. ♪ Find a comfortable singing position. ♪ Play untuned percussion instruments, and know their names and how to treat them. ♪ Play a part in time with the steady pulse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Help compose a simple melody using up to five notes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Understand how songs can tell a story or describe an idea. ♪ Know that some songs have a chorus or a response/answer part. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Know how rhythms are different from a steady pulse. ♪ Know what unison is. ♪ Know that some songs include other ways of using the voice (e.g. rapping). ♪ Know how the notes of their compositions can be written down and changed if necessary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Know that songs have a musical style.

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Year three	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Understand what choirs and conductors/leaders are. § Understand why ensemble performers must listen to each other. § Sing in two parts. § Explore singing solo. § Sing with an awareness of being in tune and in time. § Perform a simple instrumental part from memory or using notation. § Understand the importance of rehearsal. § Demonstrate good singing and playing posture. § Perform with confidence and feeling. § Follow a leader when performing. § Appraise their performance. § Know about glockenspiels. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Improvise using up to three notes with confidence. § Listen and respond to others when improvising. § Plan and create a section of music that can be performed within the context of a song. § Begin to make musical decisions about pulse, rhythm, pitch, dynamics and tempo. § Reflect on the process of composition. § Notate compositions in different ways. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Share ideas about how songs make them feel. § Discuss the meaning of song lyrics. § Identify the main sections of a song. § Discuss musical dimensions featured in songs, (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm and pitch). § Identify and move to the pulse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Know how pulse, rhythm and pitch work together to create a song. § Know the difference between a musical question and an answer. § Copy short melodic phrases with the support of notation. § Learn about different ways of notating music. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Know some songs from memory and who sang or wrote them. § Know the style of some songs.
Year four	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Be able to keep the internal pulse § Listen to the group when singing. § Be able to rejoin the song if lost. § Play djembes and ukuleles. § Know about other instruments they or others might play. § Lead a group by creating musical ideas for others to copy or respond to, and by making sure everyone participates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Use riffs that they have heard in listening activities in their own improvisations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Discuss how different musical dimensions combine (<i>e.g. the dynamics are louder in the chorus</i>). § Begin to use correct terminology to discuss music. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Know how high and low pitches create melodies. § Know how the long and short patterns over the pulse create rhythm. § Begin to understand texture in terms of solo versus group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Know some features that typify some styles of music.

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Year five	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confidently sing songs and their parts from memory with a strong internal pulse. Sing backing vocals. Experience rapping and solo singing. Sing with awareness of how they fit into the group. Play a musical instrument with the correct technique. Learn instrumental parts from memory or using notation. Lead the class by inventing rhythms for others to copy. Lead a rehearsal session. Understand that everything that will be performed must be planned and learned. Talk about how to use performance venues to best effect. Record, compare and appraise performances of the same piece. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvise using a pentatonic scale. Know that compositions have pulse, rhythm and pitch which work together, shaped by tempo, dynamics, texture and structure. Create simple melodies using up to five notes and simple rhythms. Explain the keynote and structure of a melody. Make musical decisions about how a melody connects with a song. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and move to the pulse with ease. Think about the message of songs. Compare the features of songs in the same style. Copy syncopated rhythmic patterns. Copy two/three-note riffs by ear and with notation. Perform musical questions and answers using two or three different notes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know how pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture and structure work together to create a song. Be able to talk about the main features of songs they perform: unison, solo, lead vocal, backing vocals, rapping. Be able to talk about the meaning of songs they perform. Know how notes C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C' are written on the treble stave. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know when some songs were written and why, and their historical context. Know some songs that share the same style. Know about some improvising musicians.
Year six	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know about the style of the songs so they can represent the feeling and context to their audience. Demonstrate a mastery of performance skills acquired throughout previous years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use riffs and licks that they have heard in listening activities in their own improvisations. Demonstrate a mastery of improvisation and composition skills acquired throughout previous years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use correct terminology to discuss and describe music. Demonstrate a mastery their ability to listen and appraise acquired throughout previous years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate a mastery of the knowledge of musical features and notation acquired throughout previous years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the historical context of songs: <i>What else was going on at this time, musically and historically?</i> Discuss that we each have a musical identity. Demonstrate a mastery the history of music acquired throughout previous years.