

Musical	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Dimension							
<b>Active listening</b>	Responding to	Recognising and understanding the		Discussing the stylistic features of		Recognising and confidently discussing	
	music through	difference between	•	different genres, styles and traditions of		the stylistic features of different genres,	
	movement,	*Understanding that	t different types of	music using musical vocabulary		styles and traditions	_
	altering	sounds are called tin		(Indian, classical, Chinese, Battle Songs,		musical vocabulary. (South African,	
	movement to	*Recognising basic to	•	Ballads, Jazz).		West African, Musical, Theatre, Blues,	
	reflect the tempo,	pitch changes (faste		Understanding that		Dance Remix.).	
	dynamics or pitch	louder/quieter and h	nigher/lower).	different parts of the	e world has	*Representing the fo	eatures of a piece of
	of the music.	Describing the chara	cter, mood, or	different features.		music using graphic	notation, and
	Exploring lyrics by	'story' of music they	listen to, both	*Recognising and ex	plaining the	colours, justifying th	eir choices
	suggesting	verbally and through	n movement.	changes within a pie	ece of music using	with reference to m	usical vocabulary.
	appropriate	Describing the differ	ences between two	musical vocabulary.		*Comparing, discussing and evaluating	
	actions.	pieces of music.		*Describing the timbre, dynamic, and		music using detailed musical	
	Exploring the	Expressing a basic opinion about music		textural details of a piece of music, both		vocabulary.	
	story behind the	(like/dislike).		verbally, and throug	h movement.	*Developing confide	ence in using
	lyrics	Listening to and repeating short, simple		Beginning to show a	n awareness of	detailed musical voc	abulary (related to
	or music.	rhythmic patterns.		metre.		the inter-related din	nensions of
	Listening to and	Listening and respor	iding to other	*Beginning to use m	•	music) to discuss an	d evaluate their
	following a beat	performers by playing as part of a		(related to the inter-	-related dimensions	own and others' wo	rk.
	using body	group.		of music) when disci	ussing	Discussing musical e	ras in context,
	percussion and	*Recognising timbre	changes in music	improvements to the	eir own and others'	identifying how they	have influenced
	instruments.	they listen to.		work.		each other, and disc	ussing the impact
	*Considering	Recognising structur	al features in music	Recognising the use	and development	of different compose	ers on the
	whether a piece of	they *listen to.		of motifs in music.		development of mus	•
	music has a fast,	Listening to and reco	ognising	*Identifying gradual	dynamic and	Recognising and cor	
	moderate or slow	instrumentation.		tempo changes with	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	the stylistic features	
	tempo.	*Beginning to use m	usical vocabulary to	Recognising and disc		relating it to other a	•
	Listening to	describe music.		features of different		Arts (Pop art, Film m	
	sounds and	Identifying melodies	that move in steps.	traditions of music u	ising musical	*Representing chan	ges in pitch,
	matching			vocabulary (Samba, Rock and Roll).			

	them to the object or instrument. *Listening to sounds and identifying high and low pitch. Listening to and repeating a simple rhythm. Listening to and repeating simple lyrics. Understanding that different instruments make	Listening to and repeating a short, simple melody by ear. Suggesting improvements to their own and others' work.	Identifying common features between different genres, styles and traditions of music.  *Recognising, naming and explaining the effect of the interrelated dimensions of music.  *Identifying scaled dynamics (crescendo/decrescendo) within a piece of music.  *Using musical vocabulary to discuss the purpose of a piece of music.  *Using musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) when discussing improvements to their own and others' work.	dynamics and texture using graphic notation, justifying their choices with reference to musical vocabulary. Identifying the way that features of a song can complement one another to create a coherent overall effect.  *Use musical vocabulary correctly when describing and evaluating the features of a piece of music.  Evaluating how the venue, occasion and purpose affects the way a piece of music sounds.  *Confidently using detailed musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) to discuss and evaluate their own and others work.
	different sounds and grouping them accordingly.			
Composing and improvising	Playing untuned percussion 'in time' with a piece of music. Selecting classroom objects to use as instruments. Experimenting with body percussion and vocal sounds to respond to music.	Selecting and creating short sequences of sound with voices or instruments to represent a given idea or character.  Combining instrumental and vocal sounds within a given structure.  Creating simple melodies using a few notes.  *Choosing dynamics, tempo and timbre for a piece of music.  Creating a simple graphic score to represent a composition  Beginning to make improvements to their work as suggested by the teacher.  Selecting and creating longer sequences of appropriate sounds with voices or	Composing a piece of music in a given style with voices and instruments (Battle Song, Indian Classical, Jazz, Swing). Combining melodies and rhythms to compose a multi-layered composition in a given style (pentatonic). *Using letter name and rhythmic notation (graphic or staff), and key musical vocabulary to label and record their compositions. *Suggesting and implementing improvements to their own work, using musical vocabulary. Composing a coherent piece of music in	Composing a detailed piece of music from a given stimulus with voices, bodies and instruments (Remix, Colours, Stories, Drama). Improvising coherently within a given style.  *Combining rhythmic patterns (ostinato) into a multi-layered composition using all the inter-related dimensions of music to add musical interest. Using staff notation to record rhythms and melodies.  *Selecting, discussing and refining musical choices both alone and with
		instruments to represent a given idea or character.	a given style with voices, bodies and instruments.	others, using musical vocabulary with confidence.

	Selecting appropriate instruments to represent action and mood. Experimenting with playing instruments in different ways.	*Successfully combining and layering several instrumental and vocal patterns within a given structure. Creating simple melodies from five or more notes.  *Choosing appropriate dynamics, tempo and timbre for a piece of music. Using letter name and graphic notation to represent the details of their composition. Beginning to suggest improvements to their own work.	Beginning to improvise musically within a given style.  Developing melodies using rhythmic variation, transposition, inversion, and looping.  *Creating a piece of music with at least four different layers and a clear structure.  *Using letter name, graphic and rhythmic notation and key musical vocabulary to label and record their compositions.  *Suggesting improvements to others' work, using musical vocabulary.	Suggesting and demonstrating improvements to own and others' work.  Improvising coherently and creatively within a given style, incorporating given features.  Composing a multi-layered piece of music from a given stimulus with voices, bodies and Instruments.  Composing an original song, incorporating lyric writing, melody writing and the composition of accompanying features, within a given structure.  *Developing melodies using rhythmic variation, transposition and changes in dynamics, pitch and texture.  Recording own composition using appropriate forms of notation and/or technology and incorporating.  *Constructively critique their own and others' work, using musical vocabulary.
Performing	Using their voices to join in with well-known songs from memory. Remembering and maintaining their role within a group performance. Moving to music with instruction to perform actions. Participating in performances to a small audience.	Using their voices expressively to speak and chant. Singing short songs from memory, maintaining the overall shape of the melody and keeping in time. Maintaining the pulse (play on the beat) using hands, and tuned and untuned instruments. Copying back short rhythmic and melodic phrases on percussion instruments. *Responding to simple musical instructions such as tempo and dynamic changes as part of a class performance. Performing from graphic notation.	Singing songs in a variety of musical styles with accuracy and control, demonstrating developing vocal technique.  Singing and playing in time with peers, with some degree of accuracy and awareness of their part in the group performance.  *Performing from basic staff notation, incorporating rhythm and pitch and being able to identify these symbols using musical terminology.	Singing songs in two or more parts, in a variety of musical styles from memory, with accuracy, fluency, control and expression.  *Working as a group to perform a piece of music, adjusting dynamics and pitch according to a graphic score, keeping in time with others and communicating with the group.  Performing with accuracy and fluency from graphic and simple staff notation.  Playing a simple chord progression with accuracy and fluency.

The History of music (KS2 Only)	Stopping and starting playing at the right time.	*Using their voices expressively when singing, including the use of basic dynamics (loud and quiet).  Singing short songs from memory, with melodic and rhythmic accuracy.  Copying longer rhythmic patterns on untuned percussion instruments, keeping a steady pulse.  *Performing expressively using dynamics and timbre to alter sounds as appropriate.  Singing back short melodic patterns by ear and playing short melodic patterns from letter notation.	*Singing longer songs in a variety of musical styles from memory, with accuracy, control, fluency and a developing sense of expression including control of subtle dynamic changes.  Singing and playing in time with peers with accuracy and awareness of their part in the group performance.  Playing melody parts on tuned instruments with accuracy and control and developing instrumental technique.  Playing syncopated rhythms with accuracy, control and fluency.  Understanding that music from different times has different features. (Also part of the Listening strand)  *Recognising and discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary. (Also part of the Listening strand)	Singing songs in two or more secure parts from memory, with accuracy, fluency, control and expression.  *Working as a group to perform a piece of music, adjusting the interrelated dimensions of music as required, keeping in time with others and communicating with the group.  Performing a solo or taking a leadership role within a performance.  Performing with accuracy and fluency from graphic and staff notation and from their own notation.  Performing by following a conductor's cues and directions.  Confidently discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music and explaining how these have developed over time. (Also part of the Listening strand)  *Discussing musical eras in context, identifying how they have influenced each other, and discussing the impact of different composers on the development of musical styles. (Also part of the Listening strand)
			dimensions of music	
Pitch	To understand what 'high' and ' low' notes are.	To understand that pitch means how high or low a note sounds.  To understand that 'tuned' instruments play more than one pitch of notes.  To know that some tuned instruments have a lower range of pitches and some have a higher range of pitches.	To know that the group of pitches in a song is called its 'key' and that a key decides whether a song sounds happy or sad.  To know that some traditional music around the world is based on five-notes called a 'pentatonic' scale.	To understand that a minor key (pitch) can be used to make music sound sad.  To understand that major chords create a bright, happy sound.  To know that a 'bent note' is a note that varies in its pitch, eg the pitch may slide up or down.

		To understand that a melody is made up from high- and low-pitched notes played one after the other, making a tune.	To understand that a pentatonic melody uses only the five notes C D E G A.  To know that a bass line is the lowest pitch line of notes in a piece of music, and a walking bassline (where patterns of notes go up then down again) is common in rock and roll.  To know that a glissando in music means a sliding effect played on instruments or made by your voice.  To know that 'transposing' a melody means changing its key, making it higher or lower pitched.	To understand that varying effects can be created using only your voice, for example by changing the pitch, dynamic or tempo of the sounds made.  To know that the Solfa syllables represent the pitches in an octave.  To understand that 'major' key signatures use note pitches that sound cheerful and upbeat.  To understand that 'minor' key signatures use note pitches that can suggest sadness and tension.  To know that a melody can be adapted by changing its pitch.
Duration	To recognise that different sounds can be long or short.	To know that rhythm means a pattern of long and short notes.  To know that 'duration' means how long a note, phrase or whole piece of music lasts.  To know that the long and short sounds of a spoken phrase can be represented by a rhythm.	To know that different notes have different durations, and that crotchets are worth one whole beat.  To know that written music tells you how long to play a note for.  To know that combining different instruments playing different rhythms creates layers of sound called 'texture'.  To know that playing 'in time' requires playing the notes for the correct duration as well as at the correct speed.  To know that a motif in music can be a repeated rhythm.	To know that 'poly-rhythms' means many different rhythms played at once. To know that the duration of a note or phrase in music can be shown using a repeated symbol or the size of a symbol on a graphic score.  To understand that all types of music notation show note duration, including the Kodaly method which uses syllables to indicate rhythms.  To understand that representing beats of silence or 'rests' in written music is important as it helps us play rhythms correctly.  To know that a quaver is worth half a beat.
Dynamics	To understand that instruments can be played loudly or softly.	To know that dynamics means how loud or soft a sound is.  To understand that sounds can be adapted to change their mood, eg through dynamics.  To know that dynamics can change the effect a sound has on the audience.	To know that the word 'crescendo' means a sound getting gradually louder. To know that changing the dynamics of a musical phrase or motif can change the texture of a piece of music.	To understand that varying effects can be created using only your voice, for example by changing the pitch, dynamic or tempo of the sounds made.  To know that a melody can be adapted by changing its dynamics.

Tempo	To recognise music that is 'fast' or 'slow'. To understand that we can match our body movements to the speed (tempo) or pulse (beat) of music.	To know that the 'pulse' is the steady beat that goes through music. To know that tempo is the speed of the music. To understand that the tempo of a musical phrase can be changed to achieve a different effect.	To know that playing in time means all performers playing together at the same speed.	To understand that a slow tempo can be used to make music sound sad. To understand that varying effects can be created using only your voice, for example by changing the pitch, dynamic or tempo of the sounds made. To know that a melody can be adapted by changing its dynamics, pitch or tempo.
Timbre	To know that different instruments can sound like a particular character.	To know that 'timbre' means the quality of a sound; eg that different instruments would sound different playing a note of the same pitch.  To know that my voice can create different timbres to help tell a story.  To know that musical instruments can be used to create 'real life' sound effects.  To understand an instrument can be matched to an animal noise based on its timbre	To understand that the timbre of instruments played affect the mood and style of a piece of music.  To know that grouping instruments according to their timbre can create contrasting 'textures' in music.  To understand that both instruments and voices can create audio effects that describe something you can see.	To understand that human voices have their own individual timbre, and that this can be adapted by using the voice in different ways.  To know that timbre can also be thought of as 'tone colour' and can be described in many ways eg warm or cold, rich or bright.
Texture	To know that music often has more than one instrument being played at a time.	To know that music has layers called 'texture'.  To know that a graphic score can show a picture of the layers, or 'texture', of a piece of music.	To know that many types of music from around the world consist of more than one layer of sound; for example a 'tala' and 'rag' in traditional Indian music.  To know that combining different instruments and different rhythms when we compose can create layers of sound we call 'texture'.  To understand that harmony means playing two notes at the same time, which usually sound good together.	To understand that a chord is the layering of several pitches played at the same time.  To know that poly-rhythms means many rhythms played at once.  To understand that texture can be created by adding or removing instruments in a piece and can create the effect of dynamic change.  To know that a counter-melody is different to harmony because it uses a different rhythm as well as complementary notes.
Structure	To recognise the chorus in a familiar song.	To know that a piece of music can have more than one section, eg a versed and a chorus.	To know that in a ballad, a 'stanza' means a verse.  To know that music from different places often has different structural	To know that a loop is a repeated rhythm or melody, and is another word for ostinato.

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		To understand that structure means the	features, eg traditional Chinese music is	To know that 12-bar Blues is a sequence
		organisation of sounds within music, eg	based on the five-note pentatonic	of 12 bars of music, made up of three
		a chorus and verse pattern in a	scale.	different chords.
		song.	To know that deciding the structure of	To know that a chord progression is a
			music when composing can help us	sequence of chords that repeats
			create interesting music with contrasting	throughout a song.
			sections.	To know that a 'theme' in music is the
			An ostinato is a musical pattern that is	main melody and that 'variations' are
			repeated over and over; a vocal	when this melody has
			ostinato is a pattern created with your	been changed in some way.
			voice.	
			To understand that musical motifs	
			(repeating patterns) are used as a	
			building block in many well-known	
			pieces of music	
Notation s	To know that signals can tell us when to start or stop playing.	To understand that music can be represented by pictures or symbols.  To know that 'notation' means writing music down so that someone else can play it  I know that a graphic score can show a picture of the structure and / or texture of music.	To understand that 'reading' music means using how the written note symbols look and their position to know what notes to play.  To know that 'performance directions' are words added to music notation to tell the performers how to play.	To know that simple pictures can be used to represent the structure (organisation) of music.  To understand that in written staff notation, notes can go on or between lines, and that the lines show the pitch of the note.  To know that 'graphic notation' means writing music down using your choice of pictures or symbols but 'staff notation' means music written more formally on the special lines called 'staves'.  To know that chord progressions are represented in music by Roman numerals.

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