

## **MUSIC SKILLS PROGRESSION**



## **Characteristics of a Musician:**

- A rapidly widening repertoire which they use to create original, imaginative, fluent and distinctive composing and performance work.
- A musical understanding underpinned by high levels of aural perception, internalisation and knowledge of music, including high or rapidly developing levels of technical expertise.
- Very good awareness and appreciation of different musical traditions and genres.
- An excellent understanding of how musical provenance the historical, social and cultural origins of music contributes to the diversity of musical styles.
- The ability to give precise written and verbal explanations, using musical terminology effectively, accurately and appropriately.
- A passion for and commitment to a diverse range of musical activities.

<u>Milestones:</u>				
Milestone 1	Milestone 2	Milestone 3		
By the end of Year 2	By the end of Year 4	By the end of Year 6		
To perform				
<ul> <li>Take part in singing, accurately following the melody.</li> <li>Follow instructions on how and when to sing or play an instrument.</li> <li>Make and control long and short sounds, using voice and instruments.</li> <li>Imitate changes in pitch.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sing from memory with accurate pitch.</li> <li>Sing in tune.</li> <li>Maintain a simple part within a group.</li> <li>Pronounce words within a song clearly.</li> <li>Show control of voice.</li> <li>Play notes on an instrument with care so that they are clear.</li> <li>Perform with control and awareness of others.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sing or play from memory with confidence.</li> <li>Perform solos or as part of an ensemble.</li> <li>Sing or play expressively and in tune.</li> <li>Hold a part within a round.</li> <li>Sing a harmony part confidently and accurately.</li> <li>Sustain a drone or a melodic ostinato to accompany singing.</li> <li>Perform with controlled breathing (voice) and skillful playing (instrument).</li> </ul>		
To compose				
<ul> <li>Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music.</li> <li>Play tuned and untuned instruments musically</li> <li>Create a sequence of long and short sounds.</li> <li>Clap rhythms.</li> <li>Create a mixture of different sounds (long and short, loud</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the interrelated dimensions of music</li> <li>Compose and perform melodic songs.</li> <li>Use sound to create abstract effects.</li> <li>Create repeated patterns with a range of instruments.</li> <li>Create accompaniments for</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the interrelated dimensions of music</li> <li>Create songs with verses and a chorus.</li> <li>Create rhythmic patterns with an awareness of timbre and duration.</li> <li>Combine a variety of musical devices,</li> </ul>		

<ul> <li>and quiet, high and low).</li> <li>Choose sounds to create an effect.</li> <li>Sequence sounds to create an overall effect.</li> <li>Create short, musical patterns.</li> <li>Create short, rhythmic phrases.</li> </ul>	tunes.  Use drones as accompaniments.  Choose, order, combine and control sounds to create an effect.  Use digital technologies to compose pieces of music.	<ul> <li>including melody, rhythm and chords.</li> <li>Thoughtfully select elements for a piece in order to gain a defined effect.</li> <li>Use drones and melodic ostinati (based on the pentatonic scale).</li> <li>Convey the relationship between the lyrics and the melody.</li> <li>Use digital technologies to compose, edit and refine pieces of music.</li> </ul>		
	To transcribe music			
Use symbols to represent a composition and use them to help with a performance.	<ul> <li>Devise non-standard symbols to indicate when to play and rest.</li> <li>Recognise the notes EGBDF and FACE on the musical stave.</li> <li>Recognise the symbols for a minim, crotchet and semibreve and say how many beats they represent.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use the standard musical notation of staff, crotchet, minim and semibreve to indicate how many beats to play.</li> <li>Read and create notes on the musical stave.</li> <li>Understand the purpose of the treble and bass clefs and use them in transcribing compositions.</li> <li>Understand and use the # (sharp) and b (flat) symbols.</li> <li>Use and understand simple time signatures.</li> </ul>		
To describe music				
<ul> <li>Identify the beat of a tune.</li> <li>Recognise changes in timbre, dynamics and pitch.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use the terms: duration, timbre, pitch, beat, tempo, texture and use of silence to describe music.</li> <li>Evaluate music using musical vocabulary to identify areas of likes and dislikes.</li> <li>Understand layers of sounds and discuss their effect on mood and feelings.</li> <li>Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Choose from a wide range of musical vocabulary to accurately describe and appraise music including:</li> <li>pitch</li> <li>dynamics</li> <li>tempo</li> <li>timbre</li> <li>texture</li> <li>lyrics and melody</li> <li>sense of occasion</li> <li>expressive</li> <li>solo</li> </ul>		

live and recorded music	<ul><li>rounds</li></ul>
drawn from different	<ul><li>harmonies</li></ul>
traditions and from great	<ul><li>accompaniments</li></ul>
composers and musicians	■ drones
<ul> <li>Develop an understanding</li> </ul>	<ul><li>cyclic patterns</li></ul>
of the history of music.	<ul> <li>combination of musical</li> </ul>
· ·	elements
	<ul><li>cultural context</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>Describe how lyrics often</li> </ul>
	reflect the cultural context of
	music and have social
	meaning.