## Music Skills Progression

# Mixed Age Progression

### <u>Listening</u>

EYFS	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Responding to music through movement, altering movement to reflect the tempo, dynamics or pitch	Recognising and understanding the difference between pulse and rhythm.	Discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary	Recognising and confidently discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions
of the music.	Understanding that different types of sounds are called timbres.	(Indian, classical, Chinese, Battle Songs, Ballads, Jazz).	of music using musical vocabulary. (South African, West African, Musical,
Exploring lyrics by suggesting appropriate actions.	Recognising basic tempo, dynamic and pitch changes (faster/slower,	Understanding that music from different parts of the world has	Theatre, Blues, Dance Remix.).  Representing the features of a piece
Exploring the story behind the lyrics or music.	louder/quieter and higher/lower).  Describing the character, mood, or	different features.  Recognising and explaining the	of music using graphic notation, and colours, justifying their choices with
Listening to and following a beat using body percussion and instruments.	'story' of music they listen to, both verbally and through movement.	changes within a piece of music using musical vocabulary.	reference to musical vocabulary.  Comparing, discussing and evaluating music using detailed musical
Considering whether a piece of music has a fast, moderate or slow tempo.	Describing the differences between two pieces of music. Expressing a basic opinion about music (like/dislike).	Describing the timbre, dynamic, and textural details of a piece of music, both verbally, and through movement.	vocabulary.  Developing confidence in using detailed musical vocabulary (related
Listening to sounds and matching them to the object or instrument. *Listening to sounds and identifying	Listening to and repeating short, simple rhythmic patterns.	Beginning to show an awareness of metre.	to the inter-related dimensions of music) to discuss and evaluate their own and others' work.
high and low pitch.	Listening and responding to other performers by playing as part of a	Beginning to use musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related	Discussing musical eras in context, identifying how they have influenced
Listening to and repeating a simple rhythm.	group.  Recognising timbre changes in music	dimensions of music) when discussing improvements to their own and others' work.	each other, and discussing the impact of different composers on the development of musical styles.
Listening to and repeating simple lyrics.	they listen to.	Recognising the use and	Recognising and confidently
Understanding that different instruments make different sounds	Recognising structural features in music they *listen to. Listening to and recognising instrumentation.	development of motifs in music.  Identifying gradual dynamic and	discussing the stylistic features of music and relating it to other aspects of the Arts (Pop art, Film music).
and grouping them accordingly.		tempo changes within a piece of music.	Representing changes in pitch,
			dynamics and texture using graphic



Beginning to use musical vocabulary to describe music. Identifying melodies that move in steps.

Listening to and repeating a short, simple melody by ear.

Suggesting improvements to their own and others' work.

Recognising and discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary (Samba, Rock and Roll).

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. 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 interrelated dimensions of music) to discuss and evaluate their own and others work.

EYFS	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Playing untuned percussion 'in time'	Selecting and creating short	Composing a piece of music in a	Composing a detailed piece of music
with a piece of music.	sequences of sound with voices or	given style with voices and instruments	from a given stimulus with voices,
	instruments to represent a given idea	(Battle Song, Indian Classical, Jazz,	bodies and instruments (Remix,
Selecting classroom objects to use as instruments.	or character.	Swing).	Colours, Stories, Drama). Improvising
as instruments.	Combining instrumental and vocal	Combining melodies and rhythms to	coherently within a given style.
Experimenting with body percussion	sounds within a given structure.	compose a multi-layered composition	Combining rhythmic patterns
and vocal sounds to respond to	given sincerere.	in a given style (pentatonic).	(ostinato) into a multi-layered
music.	Creating simple melodies using a few		composition using all the inter-related
	notes.	Using letter name and rhythmic	dimensions of music to add musical
Selecting appropriate instruments to		notation (graphic or staff), and key	interest.
represent action and mood.	Choosing dynamics, tempo and	musical vocabulary to label and	
Even a vine a pation of a vittle palou vine of	timbre for a piece of music.	record their compositions.	Using staff notation to record rhythms and melodies.
Experimenting with playing instruments in different ways.	Creating a simple graphic score to	Suggesting and implementing	and melodies.
ilisitottiettis iit dilletetti ways.	represent a composition	improvements to their own work, using	Selecting, discussing and refining
		musical vocabulary.	musical choices both alone and with
	Beginning to make improvements to	,	others, using musical vocabulary with
	their work as suggested by the	Composing a coherent piece of music	confidence.
	teacher.	in a given style with voices, bodies	
	Calaatiaa aa aa aa atiaa laa aa a	and instruments.	Suggesting and demonstrating
	Selecting and creating longer sequences of appropriate sounds with	Beginning to improvise musically within	improvements to own and others' work.
	voices or instruments to represent a	a given style.	WOIK.
	given idea or character.	a given siyle.	Improvising coherently and creatively
		Developing melodies using rhythmic	within a given style, incorporating
	Successfully combining and layering	variation, transposition, inversion, and	given features.
	several instrumental and vocal	looping.	
	patterns within a given structure.		Composing a multi-layered piece of
	Creating simple melodies from five or	Creating a piece of music with at least four different layers and a clear	music from a given stimulus with voices, bodies and Instruments.
	more notes.	structure.	voices, bodies dila instroments.
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	Choosing appropriate dynamics,	Using letter name, graphic and	incorporating lyric writing, melody
	tempo and timbre for a piece of	rhythmic notation and key musical	writing and the composition of
	music.	vocabulary to label and record their	accompanying features, within a
	Heiner letter name a grad arrayalaia	compositions.	given structure.
	Using letter name and graphic notation to represent the details of	Suggesting improvements to others'	Developing melodies using rhythmic
	their composition.	work, using musical vocabulary.	variation, transposition and changes in
		Transfer vocabolary.	dynamics, pitch and texture.

Beginning to suggest improvements to their own work.	Recording own composition using appropriate forms of notation and/or technology and incorporating.
	Constructively critique their own and others' work, using musical vocabulary.

## <u>Performing</u>

EYFS	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Using their voices to join in with well-	Using their voices expressively to speak	Singing songs in a variety of musical	Singing songs in two or more parts, in a
known songs from memory.	and chant.	styles with accuracy and control,	variety of musical styles from memory,
		demonstrating developing vocal	with accuracy, fluency, control and
Remembering and maintaining their	Singing short songs from memory,	technique.	expression.
role within a group performance.	maintaining the overall shape of the		
Adams to a transaction of the fraction of the same	melody and keeping in time.	Singing and playing in time with peers,	Working as a group to perform a
Moving to music with instruction to	Adaintaining the pulled (play on the	with some degree of accuracy and	piece of music, adjusting dynamics
perform actions.	Maintaining the pulse (play on the	awareness of their part in the group	and pitch according to a graphic
Participating in performances to a	beat) using hands, and tuned and untuned instruments.	performance.	score, keeping in time with others and communicating with the group.
small audience.	officiled instruments.	Performing from basic staff notation,	Continuing with the group.
smail addictice.	Copying back short rhythmic and	incorporating rhythm and pitch and	Performing with accuracy and fluency
Stopping and starting playing at the	melodic phrases on percussion	being able to identify these symbols	from graphic and simple staff
right time.	instruments.	using musical terminology.	notation.
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	Responding to simple musical	Singing longer songs in a variety of	Playing a simple chord progression
	instructions such as tempo and	musical styles from memory, with	with accuracy and fluency.
	dynamic changes as part of a class	accuracy, control, fluency and a	
	performance.	developing sense of expression	Singing songs in two or more secure
		including control of subtle dynamic	parts from memory, with accuracy,
	Performing from graphic notation.	changes.	fluency, control and expression.
			Working as a group to perform a
	Using their voices expressively when	Singing and playing in time with peers	piece of music, adjusting the
	singing, including the use of basic	with accuracy and awareness of their	interrelated dimensions of music as
	dynamics (loud and quiet).	part in the group performance.	required, keeping in time with others
	Singing short songs from memory, with	Playing melody parts on tuned	and communicating with the group.
	melodic and rhythmic accuracy.	instruments with accuracy and control	
	melodic and mymmic accordey.	I instruments with accuracy and control	

Copying longer rhythmic patterns on untuned percussion instruments,	and developing instrumental technique.	Performing a solo or taking a leadership role within a performance.
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	Playing syncopated rhythms with accuracy, control and fluency.	Performing with accuracy and fluency from graphic and staff notation and from their own notation.  Performing by following a conductor's cues and directions.

## The History of Music

Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Understanding that music from different times has different features. (Also part of the Listening strand)	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)
Recognising and discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary. (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)

## The Inter-Related Dimensions of Music

	EYFS	Year 1/2
Pitch	To understand that 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 understand that a melody is made up from high and low pitched notes played one after the other, making a tune.
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.
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.
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.

	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Pitch	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 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 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 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 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 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 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.

	EYFS	Year 1/2
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.
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.
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 understand that structure means the organisation of sounds within music, eg a chorus and verse pattern in a song.
Notation	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.

	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
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 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 know that in a ballad, a 'stanza' means a verse.  To know that music from different places often has different structural features, eg traditional Chinese music is based on the five-note pentatonic scale.  To know that deciding the structure of music when composing can help us create interesting music with contrasting sections.  An ostinato is a musical pattern that is repeated over and over; a vocal ostinato is a pattern created with your voice.  To understand that musical motifs (repeating patterns) are used as a building block in many well-known pieces of music	To know that a loop is a repeated rhythm or melody, and is another word for ostinato.  To know that 12-bar Blues is a sequence of 12 bars of music, made up of three different chords.  To know that a chord progression is a sequence of chords that repeats throughout a song.  To know that a 'theme' in music is the main melody and that 'variations' are when this melody has been changed in some way.
Notation	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.