## MUSIC CURRICULUM PROGRESSION OF SKILLS



	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Rhythm and Pulse	To learn and experience what is meant by a pulse or a steady beat.  To learn to keep a steady pulse through actions or body percussion.  To continue to consolidate subconscious understanding of pulse through practical activities - such as clapping games with partners.  To follow a pulse at varying tempos.  To copy back 4 beat rhythms - incorporating one beat rests.  To learn the place of a rest in music and to incorporate this into their knowledge of rhythms.  To follow cue word actions, move and choose partners within a musical time frame.	To continue to develop a feel for keeping a steady pulse by clapping and partner games at different speeds (tempi).  Marking beats within a 4 beat metre.  To learn to keep a pulse through actions while singing a song.  To understand the difference between rhythm and pulse.  To recognise and respond to ostinatos.  To learn to internalise rhythms and phrases with increasing aural memory.  To combine a steady beat and rhythms to accompany a melody.	To keep a steady pulse while chanting.  To internalise and recall sounds with increasing aural memory.  To chant and perform increasingly complex actions to a steady pulse.  To internalise and recall rhythm patterns through voice and body percussion with increasing aural memory.	To keep a steady pulse while chanting.  To internalise and recall sounds with increasing aural memory.  To create musical patterns.  To chant and perform increasingly complex actions to a steady pulse.  To accurately internalise and recall rhythm patterns and melodies.  To clarify the difference between the pulse and the rhythm.  To internalise and recall more complex rhythm patterns.	To clarn cue word actions to new games and to improvise movements to signify a REST.  To develop musical memory by internalising and recalling a 16-beat rhythm pattern.	To keep to a steady pulse while playing chanting games.  To pass a tap steadily around the circle while singing and to show awareness of rests.  To develop musical memory by internalising and recalling a 16-beat rhythm pattern  To recognise syncopated rhythms.

Pitch	To establish the difference between a singing and speaking voice.  To begin to recognise high and low pitches.  To pitch match and sing solos on the notes So, Mi and La.  To learn to make higher and lower notes with their voices	To sing the solfa names of So, Mi and La, and to use the hand signs.  To identify and respond to changes in pitch	To recognise and sing the intervals between Do, Re, Mi, So and La using hand signs to support.	To consolidate singing intervals in the pentatonic scale (Do,Re,Mi,So, La) and using hand signs.	To consolidate singing intervals in the pentatonic scale (Do,Re,Mi,So, La) and using hand signs.	To consolidate singing intervals in the pentatonic scale (Do,Re,Mi,So, La) and using hand signs.
Singing	To learn and take part in new singing games.  To use voices expressively and creatively.  To sing with a sense of shape of the melody.  To internalise parts of a song and clap accurate rhythms.	To learn and take part in new and familiar singing games.  To sing with a sense of shape of the melody and with rhythmic accuracy.  To clap and stamp to a steady pulse while singing.  To sing a solo or in a small group with confidence and to move within a clear musical time frame.  To follow cue word actions.  To improvise actions to a steady pulse.  To sing in two parts to a steady beat.	To sing in unison with clear diction and control of pitch.  To learn new singing and action games.  To sing with melodic and rhythmic accuracy and learn a sequential pattern of movements.  To keep in time with a regular pulse.  To read and perform rhythm patterns accurately.  To internalise, memorise and pass on rhythms.  To practise and perform in a group.  To learn playground games.  To bounce and catch to a steady pulse while singing, to skip to a steady pulse while chanting, and to jump and chant to a steady pulse while playing French elastics.	To sing in unison and in 2 parts with clear diction and with a sense of phrase.  To hum and internalise words while following cue word actions.  To coordinate specific rhythms with given actions.  To play accurate rhythms on claves.  To play claves in canon.  To throw, catch and pass a ball to a steady pulse.	To sing with clear diction and a sense of phrase.  To learn movements and actions to fit with rhythmic phrases.  To perform actions while internalising a song.  To sing and play a game in canon.  To co-ordinate bouncing and catching a ball to a steady pulse.	To sing with clear diction and in 2 parts.  To learn dance movements and actions to accompany a song.  To sing in a round.  To sing and play 2 singing games simultaneously, maintaining their own part with an awareness of how the other song fits in.
Notation	To make conscious the first rhythm symbols Ta and Te-te and relate these to a known chant.  To read 4-beat rhythm patterns.	To read and internalise rhythm patterns including Ta, te-te and rests.  To read and sing notation using Ta, te-te and So and Mi  To read pitch line notation  To read and perform using simple graphic notation	To sing from notated rhythm and pitch patterns using Ta, Te-te, Z and Do, Re, Mi, So, La (full pentatonic notation)  To relate musical symbols to actions.	To learn to recognise and read different rhythm symbols within phrases using TA, Te-Te- and REST.	To read rhythm notations  To introduce the rhythm Ta-a (1)	To read rhythm notations containing Ta-a, Ta, Te-te and rest (   B A G)

Playing an Instrument	To transfer experience of rhythm patterns on to percussion instruments.	To transfer experience of rhythm and pulse on to percussion instruments.	To play pentatonic melodies on tuned instruments from notation with accuracy.	To play rhythmic phrases on percussion instruments.	To play rhythm patterns on percussion instruments	To play instruments to accompany a composition.
	To explore different instrumental sounds and how they can be played.	To continue to play un-tuned instruments accurately, following the instructions of	To use tuned instruments to play rhythm, pulse and to pick out melodies.	To internalise the rhythm of a song through voice and body percussion.	To play tuned and un-tuned instruments with control and accuracy.	
	To play tuned instruments to a steady pulse as an accompaniment to singing.  To continue to practise following gestures, symbol and word-cue instructions while playing untuned percussion instruments.  To play to a steady pulse as an accompaniment to their singing.  To count, internalise and play on a chosen number.  To comment on the different sounds of the instrument categories.  To accompany their singing by playing instruments in two parts.  To play instruments as part of a group, attaching different rhythm symbols to different	gestures, symbol cards and word cues.  To listen, internalise and play more complex rhythm patterns, keeping a steady pulse.  To recall and improvise 4-beat rhythm patterns on instruments.  To play to a steady pulse to accompany their singing.  To internalise word patterns and play instruments in 2 parts.  To hold one rhythm pattern while others are playing different patterns.  Playing pitch lines on tuned percussion.	To play pulse and rhythm on tuned instruments with control and accuracy.  To internalise the rhythm and melody of a song.  To use ostinatos to create layers of sound.  To play un-tuned instruments with rhythmic accuracy.  To play as an accompaniment to chanting and on key words.  To play while using thinking voices.	To play the same rhythm on untuned instruments with control and accuracy.  To create layers of sound with ostinatos.  To play pulse and rhythm on tuned instruments with control and accuracy.  To internalise the rhythm and melody of a song through voice and body percussion.  To create layers of sound with tuned ostinatos.	To internalise the rhythm and melody of a song.  To use ostinatos to create melodic layers.	
	instrumental timbres.  To vary dynamics and tempo when playing (play fast, slow, loud and quiet)					
Improvisation	To improvise actions to a steady pulse.	To improvise instrumental patterns.	To improvise rhythm patterns as part of a class performance.	To improvise rhythm patterns as part of a class performance.	To improvise rhythmic patterns using body percussion and movement.	To improvise as part of a class piece.
	To improvise melodies on xylophones.  To improvise descriptive music.				inocincia.	To improvise 4-beat rhythm patterns in both class and group performances.
Composition	To create musical patterns by writing 4-beat rhythms and pitch phrases.  To create music on their own and with others.  To respond to images. To understand that music can tell a story.	To compose rhythm patterns in groups  To be part of a class composition.  To compose 4-beat rhythm patterns, practise and perform them on instruments.	To create musical patterns.  To work in a group to create 4-beat rhythm sequences with words, based around a theme.  To experiment with ostinatos and begin to layer sounds.	To create musical patterns in 3 parts with pulse, rhythm and ostinatos.  To compose and play rhythm rounds in groups using voices, body percussion and instruments.  To compose rhythm and pitch notations for the class to practise and perform.	To invent clapping and movement sequences to a pulse and to perform.  To compose sequences in groups, building and reducing layers of movement.  To create 3 layers of sound using drones, ostinatos and melodies	To create clapping routines to a steady pulse, being inventive with rhythm patterns and actions.  To compose rhythm rounds in groups, using voices, body percussion and instruments.  To compose rhythm/action sequences in groups, building

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	To create music that matches an event in a story.	To explore timbre and texture to understand how sounds can be descriptive.			To compose 8-beat rhythm patterns in groups.	
	To create two contrasting textures.	To compose music to illustrate a story.				
	To create a soundscape as part of a song performance.	To combine sounds to make a musical effect.				
Performance and Appraisal	To learn to keep a pulse through actions and body percussion through playful songs and chants.	To work collaboratively.	To rehearse and present performances. To appraise and improve their work.	To rehearse and perform in groups - playing pulse, rhythm and ostinatos on instruments.	To take part in pieces with 3 layers of sound, including ostinatos.	To maintain their own part with an awareness of how the other parts fit together.
Арргаізаі	To rehearse and perform in	To listen to each other, start and finish at the same time and keep a steady pulse.	To perform a composition	To listen to each other and keep	To maintain their own part with	To perform in groups.
	groups, starting and finishing at the same time and keeping a	To perform rhythm patterns in	keeping a steady pulse throughout.	in time.	an awareness of how the other parts fit together.	To appraise my performance
	steady pulse (body percussion and instruments)	groups.	To feel and play the different	To perform in two parts.	To appraise my performance	using key vocabulary.
	To transfer experience of rhythm patterns on to percussion instruments. To relate these skills to a known chant.	To perform and appraise.	rhythms of the words.		using key vocabulary.	
		To appraise and improve their work.	To present performances.  To appraise and improve their work.			
	To practise and perform 4 beat rhythm and pitch phrases in groups.	To match descriptive sounds to images.	To practise and perform as a class and individually.			
	To explore and control dynamics, duration and timbre using	To rehearse and refine to develop a performance.				
voices,	voices, body percussion and instruments.  To listen to own composition and evaluate it.					
	To identify a sequence of sounds (structure) in a piece of music.	To use simple musical vocabulary to describe music.				
	To use the vocabulary: fast, slow, loud, quiet when describing music.	To listen to with concentration to a piece of orchestral music and make observations.				
	To analyse the duration and dynamics of sounds.	To listen and respond to contemporary orchestral music.				
	To understand a simple musical structure by listening and responding.	To perform a rap section of an undated nursery rhyme.				
		Performing to an audience.				