

'Accent Music Education Hub'

One Year Brass Project Overview (WCET)

| Introduction to the brass instrument family How to assemble and hold the instruments correctly Appropriate posture Sound production technique Deciding on brass instrument most appropriate for each individual Learning how to play note C and perform a call and response piece using it Main Focus Refining the tone quality of C and D gradually introducing E Development of reading notes on the stave Development of vocabulary to describe the music Development of vocabulary to describe the music Devising and performing a small concert for another class Improvisation skills Performing music in different styles (e.g. jazz, pop, classical) More able pupils will be challenged with more advanced parts or more variety of rhythms Development of vocabulary to describe the music Improvisation skills Performing music in different styles (e.g. jazz, pop, classical) Musicianship warm-ups, vocal warm-ups and | AUTUMN TERM Weeks 1 – 3 Establishing | Week 4 – 5 <u>Establishing</u> | Weeks 6 – 8 <u>Developing</u> | Weeks 9 – 10 <u>Embedding</u> |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| How to assemble and hold the instruments correctly Appropriate posture Sound production technique Development of reading notes on the stave Introduction to semibreve, minim and crotchet rhythms Development of vocabulary to describe the music Development of vocabulary to describe the music Devising and performing a small concert for another class Devising and performing a small concert for another class Devising and performing a small concert for another class Development of vocabulary to describe the music Devising and performing a small concert for another class Devising and performing another class Performing music in different styles (e.g. jazz, pop, classical) | <u>Main Focus</u> | <u>Main Focus</u> | <u>Main Focus</u> | <u>Main Focus</u> |
| Musicianship warm-ups, vocal warm-ups games and games | How to assemble and hold the instruments correctly Appropriate posture Sound production technique Deciding on brass instrument most appropriate for each individual Learning how to play note C and perform a call | Introduction to musical notation and reading C D and E Introduction to semibreve, minim and crotchet rhythms Learning how to play a short piece using one note (C, D or E) Learning a song that uses two sections (binary form) Musicianship warm-ups, vocal warm-ups | introducing E Development of reading notes on the stave Development of vocabulary to describe the music Improvisation skills Performing music in different styles (e.g. jazz, pop, classical) Musicianship warm-ups, vocal warm-ups and | More able pupils will be challenged with more advanced parts or more variety of rhythms Devising and performing a small concert for |

End of term expectations:

- To have good posture and appropriate holding positions on brass instruments
- To be able to play C D and E notes on brass instruments and improvise a short phrase on one note
- to read crotchets and minim beats using C D and E
- to have developed rhythm skills using body percussion including pulse, tempo, dynamics
- to have performed for others in a short concert (and/or video, at the school's discretion)

Key Vocabulary for the Autumn Term:

- Tonguing/articulation
- Buzz/vibration
- Improvisation
- Breathing
- Warm-up

- Beat/pulse
- Tempo
- Pitch
- Crotchet
- Minim
- Semibreve

Activities will include:

- Listening games, finding the pulse, clapping rhythms
- Call and response activities using instruments, voices and body percussion
- Mouthpiece buzzing
- Singing
- Improvising using C D and E and learning how to read basic notation
- Small group performance, solo performances and whole class ensemble playing
- Devising a concert programme and performing

| SPRING TERM Weeks 1 – 2 <u>Establishing</u> | Week 3 – 4 <u>Establishing</u> | Weeks 5 – 8 <u>Developing</u> | Weeks 9 – 10 <u>Embedding</u> |
|---|--|---|--|
| Main Focus Consolidation of C D and E, and their place on the stave Introduction of notes F and G Call and Response improvisations | Main Focus Pupils learn low A and B as two new notes Call and response pieces and activities Learning low A and B on the stave and how they link with C D E F G | Main Focus Performing pieces using A B C D and E Introducing harmony parts in some pieces, where appropriate (e.g. Sidescroller using multiple levels to create chords/harmony) Composition activity using notes C D E | Main Focus Refining performance skills including counting whilst playing and breath control Improving playing technique specific to each instrument (e.g. slide/valves) More able pupils will be challenged with more |
| Revisit piece(s) learned in Term 1 Introduce new piece using appropriate notes Singing, musicianship games and listening activities | Performing pieces using A B C D and E Introducing quavers Learning a song in a round | Class performance(s) of composition(s) Performing as a class ensemble and as a soloist | advanced parts Devising and performing another small concert |

End of term expectations:

- to be able to play **A B C D** and **E** on brass instruments
- to be able to attempt **F** and **G** in warm-up
- to understand the breath control needed to move up the harmonic series and sustain higher notes
- to play confidently several pieces using **A B C D** and **E**, including more movement between notes (e.g. not just one note per bar)
- to begin to develop dynamic control (e.g. p and f) whilst playing
- to become increasingly confident reading musical notation
- to compose a piece of music, including writing ideas in musical or graphic notation
- to play their composition, and to appraise the compositions of others

Key Vocabulary for the Spring Term:

- Breath control
- Warm-up
- Compose
- Structure
- Beat/pulse
- Tempo
- Pitch
- Dynamics

- Bar
- Barline
- Stave
- Time signature
- Semibreve
- Minim
- Crotchet
- Quaver

Activities will include:

- Listening games, finding the pulse, clapping rhythms, singing
- Call and response activities using instruments, voices and body percussion
- Mouthpiece buzzing
- Improvisation
- Composing activity using C D and E
- Small group performance, solo performances and whole class ensemble playing
- Devising and delivering a class performance

| SUMMER TERM Weeks 1 – 2 <u>Establishing</u> | Week 3 – 4 <u>Establishing</u> | Weeks 5 – 8 <u>Developing</u> | Weeks 9 – 10 Embedding |
|--|---|---|--|
| Main Focus Consolidation of notes A B C D and E Continue to work on strengthening notes G and F Introduce the new note high A Reiterate the importance of breath control/speed to be able to play higher pitches Practice exercises that 'jump' between notes of the harmonic series Articulation – tonguing and slurring Singing | Main Focus Learn new repertoire that includes: more complicated rhythms and movement between different notes dynamic contrast different articulations (e.g., staccato, slur) different structures (e.g., binary (AB), ternary (ABA), round/canon*) Consolidate notation of a full octave between low A to high A Call and response activities *select song warm-ups to reflect style and form of chosen pieces | Main Focus Listening and learning about stylistic features of music, including jazz and blues Improvisation Encourage pupils to perform short solos, either as part of class warm-ups, or in bigger pieces Continue to practice a selection of pieces that reflect what the class has learned so far Revisit pieces used earlier in the year - use as discussion points to show class progression on the instruments and the group's collective musical knowledge – e.g.: "What did you think of our performance?" "Did the music feel easier or more difficult to | Main Focus Refining performance skills More able pupils will be challenged with more advanced parts Devising and performing another small concert for another class Identification of continuation opportunities for those pupils who want to learn more and/or have shown musical aptitude during the project |
| End of term expectations: | | play than you remember?" "How many different things can you identify/describe/explain about this piece of music?" "Is there anything we could do to make this sound even better/more professional?" | |

- to play C D and E (most) to play A B C D and E (some) to play A B C D E F and G (some) to play A B C D E F G and A (advanced)
- to read and understand the notes on the stave
- to understand jazz and blues music and its context, and to perform in this style
- to plan and perform in an end of year concert

Key Vocabulary for the Summer Term:

- Breath control
- Staccato
- Legato
- Slur
- Octave
- Syncopation

- Tempo
- Time Signature
- Bar and barline
- Stave
- Time signature
- Semibreve
- Minim
- Crotchet
- Quaver

- Listening, clapping and general musicianship games and activities
- Learning new notes that require different breath control
- Learning jazz/blues music
- Improvising
- Singing
- Preparation for a final concert

Activities will include:

End of year expectations:

- To have a confident control of the brass instrument, aiming for a clear sound across the playing range
- To be able to read notation of the notes learnt, and to have composed their own music
- To use correct posture, hand position and breath control
- To be able to recognise key elements of music and to explain and rationalise them, especially dynamics, tempo, structure, melody
- To have the opportunity to continue with their chosen brass instrument

Please note that the highlighted references to the NC objectives for Music below, indicate that the project **contributes** (to a **greater** or **lesser** extent) to the overall school provision. They **do not** indicate full coverage.

Autumn 1 NC Objective Focus

Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression

Listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory

Use and understand staff and other musical notations

Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the interrelated dimensions of music

Autumn 2 NC Objective Focus

Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression

Listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory

Use and understand staff and other musical notations

Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music

Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians

Spring 1 NC Objective Focus

Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression

Listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory

Use and understand staff and other musical notations

Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the interrelated dimensions of music

Appreciate and understand a wide range

Spring 2 NC Objective Focus

Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression

Listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory

Use and understand staff and other musical notations

Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the interrelated dimensions of music

Appreciate and understand a wide range

Summer 1 NC Objective Focus

Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression

Listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory

Use and understand staff and other musical notations

Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the interrelated dimensions of music

Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians

Summer 2 NC Objective Focus

Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression

Listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory

Use and understand staff and other musical notations

Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the interrelated dimensions of music

Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians

| Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians | Develop an understanding of the history of music | of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians Develop an understanding of the history of music | of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians Develop an understanding of the history of music | Develop an understanding of the history of music | Develop an understanding of the history of music |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Develop an understanding of the history of music | | | | | |

Links to the Model Music Curriculum

The following are ways in which the project links to the Model Music Curriculum (2021) and are by no means exclusive; through musicianship, singing, performing, composing and listening, pupils can experience a wide variety of experiences and repertoire not listed below. Activities will also be differentiated depending on the year group/key stage of the class.

| Musicianship | Games to reinforce musical elements Rhythm and pulse games and activities Reading music |
|---------------------------|---|
| Singing | Warm ups and breathing Songs from different styles and traditions |
| Listening | Listening and identifying elements of music Listening and appraising their work and the work of others |
| Composing and Improvising | Composing a short melody Improvising a call and response |
| Performing | Developing confidence Devising and performing in a concert |