Physics Unit: Sound	
What does progression of knowledge look like?	
Year	Progression of knowledge
4	 Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases
5	 Recall the different structures of the ear and the function of each part Explain how sound waves can be modelled Describe what happens to a sound wave over time Calculate the speed of sound in different substances Explain what an auditory range is Give examples of animals that have large auditory ranges Describe how sound can be useful in everyday life
Key Stage 3 (7-9)	 What is sound and what causes it Describe how sound intensity is linked to volume. Describe how sound pitch is linked to frequency Explain what an oscilloscope is and what can oscilloscope traces show us. Describe the way in which sound travels and give examples of substances sound will or will not travel through Explain whether sound can travel through a vacuum. Recall the parts of the ear and what is the function of each part? Describe how a microphone works and how we can hear sound can be transferred from a microphone to loud speaker to our ears. Define auditory range? Explain what infrasound and ultrasound mean? Recall 3 things that can happen to the energy of sound waves as they arrive at a material? Describe the differences between ultrasound waves and x-rays. Give examples of uses in everyday life. Explain what echolocation and sonar are and how they are can be used. Describe what a longitudinal wave is and give examples. Describe what a transverse wave is and give examples. Describe what is meant by the superposition of waves.