

New Music Curriculum - quick overview 2025- 26

	Aut 1	Aut 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery	Nursery Rhymes	<i>Christmas Nativity performance</i>		Nursery Rhymes & action songs		Transport <i>C: Villa Lobos - The little train (classical)</i>
<i>Rec</i>	Exploring Sound	<i>Christmas Nativity performance</i>		Music & movement <i>C: Vivaldi; Saint Saens, Popular music</i>		Big band <i>L & E: Film soundtrack & popular music</i>
Y1	Keeping the pulse Pop Artists: Randy Newman, Pharrell Williams, Justin Timberlake	<i>Christmas performance</i>		Sound Patterns (Fairy tales)	Pitch (Superheroes)	Musical Symbols (Under the sea) <i>L&E: Electronic music</i>
Y2	Instruments (Musical storytelling) <i>C: Classical music by Coates</i>	<i>Christmas performance</i>		Call & response (Animals) <i>L & E: Percussion</i>	Structure (Myths & Legends) <i>L & E: Folk song & Nursery rhyme</i>	Pitch (Musical Me) <i>L&E: Traditional songs</i>
Y3	Ballads Musical theatre - On my own from 'Les Mis'; Whitney Houston, David Bowie, Sam Smith	<i>Christmas performance</i>		Developing singing technique (The Vikings) <i>Folk songs</i>	Pentatonic melodies & composition (Chinese New Year) <i>Traditional Chinese song</i>	Traditional instruments & improvisation (India) <i>Bhangra & trad Indian songs</i>
Y4	Body & tuned percussion (Rainforest) <i>African popular music;</i> The cup song (Pitch Perfect)	<i>Christmas performance</i>		Changes in pitch, tempo & dynamics (Rivers) <i>Artists: KT Tunstall, Ben E King</i>	Samba & carnival sounds and instruments <i>Samba music</i>	Adapting & transposing motifs (Romans) <i>C: Beethoven</i>

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Y5	Composition notation (Ancient Egypt) C: Purcell Popular music Artist: The Bangles	<i>Christmas performance</i>		Blues Artists: The Swiss Dutchmen; The Simpsons	South & West Africa Artists: Traditional African music / boys choir	Composition to represent the festival of colour: Holi C: Grieg, Mendelssohn & traditional music
Y6	Dynamics, pitch & tempo (Fingal's Cave) C: Mendelssohn	<i>Christmas performance</i>		Theme & variation (Pop art) C: Benjamin Britten	Baroque C: Handel, Bach, Purcell	Compose & perform a leavers song <i>Popular music artists, The Beatles, Elton John & Journey</i>