

Year 2 Key Learning

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| | | The children will learn: | Children's Statements I can/I know/I understand and demonstrate: | Pupils should be taught to: |
| Musicianship | Listening Finding a | To move in time and keep a steady beat together. | I can move in time with a steady beat. I can find the pulse of the music by moving my body. | Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music. |
| Understanding Music | steady beat Copy back Improvisation | To create their own rhythmic and melodic patterns. | I understand that rhythm is a pattern of long and short sounds which are performed over the pulse of the music. | |
| together | Singing Pulse/Beat | To understand the difference between creating a rhythm pattern and a pitch pattern. | I can listen to, copy and repeat a simple rhythm. I understand that pitch describes how high or low sounds are. | |
| | Rhythm Pitch Tempo Dynamics | Continue to copy back simple rhythmic patterns using long and short. Continue to copy back simple melodic | I can listen to, copy and repeat a simple melody using varied rhythm and pitch when I sing on my own. | |
| | , | patterns using high and low. Sing short phrases independently. | | |
| | | Continue to learn to watch and follow a steady beat. | I can follow a steady beat. I can follow the leader of the group or the conductor. | |
| | | Begin to understand that the speed of the beat can change, creating a faster or slower pace (tempo). | I understand that when the speed of the music changes, the tempo increases/decreases. | |
| | | Play copy back rhythms, copying a leader, and invent rhythms for others to copy on untuned and tuned percussion. | I can improvise a simple rhythm using different instruments including my voice. | |
| | | Create rhythms using word phrases as a starting point. | I can clap a rhythm that I have made up by myself. | |
| | | Recognise long sounds and short sounds, and match them to syllables and movement. | I can clap the rhythm of my name, pet or favourite colour. | |

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| | | The children will learn: | Children's Statements I can/I know/I understand and demonstrate: | Pupils should be taught to: |
| Listen and Respond | Listening Responding Musical Styles Historical context Different Musicians | Find and try to keep a steady beat. | I can find the pulse/steady beat and move in time to the music. | Listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music. |
| | | Invent different actions to move in time with the music. Move, dance and respond with their bodies in any way they can. | I can keep a steady beat in my head, I can feel the pulse and move in time with the music. | |
| | Pulse Rhythm Pitch Tempo Dynamics Timbre Texture Structure | Describe their thoughts and feelings when hearing the music. Describe what they see in their individual imaginations when listening to the piece of music. | I can describe my emotions and thoughts when listening to a piece of music. | |
| | | Talk about why they like or don't like the music. | I can explain why I like or don't like a piece of music. | |
| | | Identify a fast or slow tempo. | I can recognise the difference between fast and slow tempo. | |
| | | Identify loud and quiet sounds as an introduction to understanding dynamics. | I can recognise the difference between loud and soft dynamics. | |
| | | Begin to understand the concept of there being different styles of music. | I can recognise differences between two varying styles of music. | |
| | | Discuss the style of the music. | I can point out differences and similarities of the varying styles. | |

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| | and Elements* | The children will learn: | Children's Statements I can/I know/I understand and demonstrate: | Pupils should be taught to: |
| Listen and Respond (continued) | | Discuss together what the song or piece of music might be about. Talk about any other music they have heard that is similar. | I can discuss as a class what the music might be about and relate it to music I have listened to in the past. | |
| | | Mark the beat of a listening piece (eg Boléro by Ravel) by tapping or clapping and recognising tempo, as well as changes in tempo. Walk in time to the beat of a piece of music. | I can tap the pulse of a piece of music and recognise changes/fluctuations in tempo. | |
| | | Describe differences in tempo and dynamics with more confidence | I can describe the tempo as fast or slow and dynamics as loud and soft with confidence. | |
| | | Recognise some band and orchestral instruments. | I can recognise some musical instruments within their family groups. | |
| | | Continue to talk about where music might fit into the world. | I can listen to music from around the world and talk about their features. | |

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| | | The children will learn: | Children's Statements I know/I understand and can demonstrate: | The National Curriculum for Music says that Pupils should be taught to: |
| Learn to Sing the Song | Singing/Rapping Words and meaning Movement | Sing as part of a choir. | I can sing as part of a group in unison or in 2 parts. | Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes. |
| | | Have a go at singing a solo. | I can take the lead and perform solo. | , |
| | Pulse Rhythm Pitch Tempo Dynamics Structure | Demonstrate good singing posture. | I can demonstrate and maintain good posture when singing. | |
| | | Sing songs from memory. | I can memorise songs in preparation for performance. | |
| | | Sing with more pitching accuracy. | I can sing with fluency and accuracy of pitch. | |
| | | Understand and follow the leader or conductor. | I can sing as part of a choir/group and follow directions. | |
| | | Sing to try to communicate the meaning of the words. | I can communicate the songs of the words effectively. | |
| | | Listening for being 'in time' or 'out of time'. | I can listen effectively when performing to ensure accuracy of pulse. | |
| | | Add actions and perhaps movement to a song. | I can add appropriate actions and movement to the songs I sing. | |

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| | | The children will learn: | Children's Statements I know/I understand and can demonstrate: | The National Curriculum for Music says that Pupils should be taught to: |
| Play Instruments with the Song | Playing instruments Keep a steady beat Playing in a group/ensemble | Play a part on a tuned or untuned instrument by ear. Either Part 1 or Part 2. | I can use tuned and untuned classroom percussion instruments to perform accompaniments and/or melody. | Play tuned and untuned instruments musically. |
| | | Rehearse and perform their parts within the context of the unit song. | I can rehearse and then perform sections of music with accuracy. | |
| | Pulse Rhythm Pitch Tempo Dynamics Structure | Learn to treat instruments carefully and with respect. | I can use instruments respectfully and treat them with care. | |
| | | Play together with everybody while keeping in time with a steady beat. | I can perform as part of a group/ensemble keeping in time with a steady beat. | |
| | | Perform short, repeating rhythm patterns (ostinati or riffs) while keeping in time with a steady beat. | I can perform as a group or solo passages of music keeping in time with a steady beat. | |
| Improvise with the Song | Improvising Listening Pulse Rhythm Pitch Tempo | Beginning to create personal musical ideas using the given notes. Following a steady beat and staying 'in time'. | I can recall musical sequences to build ideas around any given note/s to a steady pulse. | Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music. |
| | | Understand that improvisation is about making up your own very simple tunes on the spot. | I can use tuned and untuned classroom percussion instruments to improvise and compose. | |

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| | | The children will learn: | Children's Statements I know/I understand and can demonstrate: | The National Curriculum for Music says that Pupils should be taught to: |
| Compose with the Song | Composing | Perform their simple composition/s using two, three, four or five notes. | I can use tuned and untuned classroom percussion instruments to improvise and compose. | Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music. |
| | Rhythm Pitch Tempo Dynamics Explore and continue to unlike writing a sequences of and video stin Use graphic sentation, as approximation, as approximation. | Starting their tune/s on note one and ending it on note one. | I understand that I can start and finish a composition on the 'home' note. | |
| | | Continue to understand that composing is like writing a story with music. | I can compose a melodic line with direction, creating a beginning and an end using the home key. | |
| | | Explore and create graphic scores: Create musical sound effects and short sequences of sounds in response to music and video stimulus. | I can create a sound using tuned and untuned percussion instruments in response to a stimulus. | |
| | | Use graphic symbols, dot notation and stick notation, as appropriate, to keep a record of composed pieces. | I can use musical symbols to compose simple pieces of music. | |
| | | Create a story, choosing and playing classroom instruments. | I can use classroom instruments to help narrate a story. | |
| | | Create and perform your own rhythm patterns with stick notation, including crotchets, quavers and minims. | I can compose simple rhythms using basic stick notation. | |
| | | Use music technology, if available, to capture, change and combine sounds. | I can use music technology to create, edit and combine sounds. | |
| | | Use notation if appropriate: Create a simple melody using crotchets and minims | I can create a simple melody using crotchets and minims. | |

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| | | The children will learn: | Children's Statements I know/I understand and can demonstrate: | The National Curriculum for Music says that Pupils should be taught to: |
| Song | Performing Listening Playing Singing Improvising Composing Pulse Rhythm Pitch Tempo Dynamics Timbre Texture Structure | Rehearsing a song and then performing it to an audience, explaining why the song was chosen. | I can practise, rehearse and perform music to an audience with confidence. I can introduce a song explaining why it was chosen. | Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes. Play tuned and untuned instruments musically. |
| | | Adding actions to the song. | I can add actions to a song where appropriate. | |
| | | Showing a simple understanding of the Musical Spotlight and Social Theme, and how they have influenced their performance. | I have an understanding of the musical themes and how they have shaped my performance. | |
| | | Perform the song from memory. | I can perform a song from memory. | |
| | | Follow the leader or conductor. | I can follow the leader or conductor. | |
| | | Talk about the performance afterwards; saying what they enjoyed and what they think could have been better. | I can talk about my performance considering what was good and what could be improved. | |

^{*}Also known as inter-related dimensions of music

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