

Music Knowledge and Skills Progression

Component 1: Listen and Appraise			
Reception Knowledge and Skills	KS1 Knowledge and Skills	LKS2 Knowledge and Skills	UI
 Knowledge To know twenty nursery rhymes off by heart. To know the stories of some of the nursery rhymes. Skills To learn that music can touch your feelings. To enjoy moving to music by dancing, marching, being animals or Pop stars. 	 Knowledge To know 5 songs off by heart. To know what the songs are about. To know and recognise the sound and names of some of the instruments they use. To know some songs have a chorus or a response/answer part. To know that songs have a musical style. Skills To learn how they can enjoy moving to music by dancing, marching, being animals or pop stars. To learn how songs can tell a story or describe an idea. 	 Knowledge To know five songs from memory and who sang them or wrote them. To know the style of the five songs. To choose one song and be able to talk about: Some of the style indicators of that song (musical characteristics that give the song its style). Its lyrics: what the song is about Any musical dimensions featured in the song, and where they are used (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm and pitch) Identify the main sections of the song (introduction, verse, chorus etc.) Name some of the instruments they heard in the song Skills To confidently identify and move to the pulse. To talk about the musical dimensions working together in the Unit songs eg if the song gets louder in the chorus (dynamics). To think about the music/song and how it makes them feel. Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music. When you talk try to use musical vocabulary. 	Knowledge To know them, wi To know songs fr Units in To choo talk abov Some of character The lyrics: what t Any mus where th are used Identify chorus etc.) Name so songs The histo going or Know ar musical identity. Skills To ident To comp what sta out mus difference people's music. When you To talk above musical identity. Skills



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ow five songs from memory, who sang or wrote when they were written and, if possible, why? by the style of the five songs and to name other from the

in those styles.

bose two or three other songs and be able to oout:

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ed (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm and pitch) fy the main sections of the songs (intro, verse,

some of the instruments they heard in the

storical context of the songs. What else was on at this time, musically and historically? and talk about that fact that we each have a əl

ntify and move to the pulse with ease.

nk about the message of songs.

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Component 2: Games to be able to talk about: pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture and structure work together and how they connect in a song.

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Knowledge	Knowledge	Knowledge	Knowledge
To know that we can move with the	To know that music has a steady pulse, like a heartbeat.	Know how to find and demonstrate the pulse.	Know and be abl
pulse of the music.	To know that we can create rhythms from words, our names,	Know the difference between pulse and rhythm.	How pulse, rhyth
To know that the words of songs can tell	favourite food, colours and animals.	Know how pulse, rhythm and pitch work together to create a	structure work
stories and paint pictures.	-Rhythms are different from the steady pulse.	song.	together and how
	We add high and low sounds, pitch, when we sing and play	Know that every piece of music has a pulse/steady beat.	How to keep the
Skills	our instruments.	Know the difference between a musical question and an	Musical Leadersh
There are progressive Music Activities		answer.	copy or respond
within each unit that embed pulse,	Skills	Know and be able to talk about	
rhythm and pitch. Children listen to and	There are progressive Warm-up Games and Challenges within	Rhythm: the long and short patterns over the pulse	Skills
work with the Games Track to	each Unit that	Pitch: High and low sounds that create melodies	Using the Warm
complete the following i n relation to	embed pulse, rhythm and pitch. Children will complete the	How to keep the internal pulse	Bronze, Silver and
the main song:	following in	Musical Leadership: creating musical ideas for the group to	Gold Challenges.
Activity A Games Track	relation to the main song :	copy orrespond to	relation to the m
Find the pulse by copying a character in	Game 1 – Have Fun Finding The Pulse!		song, using three
a nursery rhyme, imagining	Find the pulse. Choose an animal and find the pulse	Skills - Using the Warm up Games tracks provided, complete	Bronze Challeng
a similar character or object and finding	Game 2 – Rhythm Copy Back	the Bronze, Silver and Gold Challenges. Children will complete	Find the pulse
different ways to keep the	Listen to the rhythm and clap back. Copy back short rhythmic	the following in relation to the main song, using two notes:	Copy back rhyth
pulse.	phrases	1. Find the Pulse	include syncopat
Activity B Copycat Rhythm	based on words, with one and two syllables whilst marching to	2. Rhythm Copy Back:	Copy back one-r
Copy basic rhythm patterns of single	the	a. Bronze: Clap and say back rhythms	patterns
words, building to short phrases	steady beat.	b. Silver: Create your own simple rhythm patterns	Silver Challenge
from the song/s.	Game 3 – Rhythm Copy Back, Your Turn	c. Gold: Perhaps lead the class using their simple rhythms	Find the pulse
Activity C High and Low	Create rhythms for others to copy	3. Pitch Copy Back Using 2 Notes	Lead the class by
Explore high and low using voices and	Game 4 – Pitch Copy Back and Vocal Warm-up 1	a. Bronze: Copy back – 'Listen and sing back' (no notation)	Copy back two-r
sounds of characters i n the	Listen and sing back. Use your voices to copy back using 'la',	b. Silver: Copy back with instruments, without then with	Question and an
songs. Listen to high-pitched and low-	whist	notation	Gold Challenge
pitched sounds on a	marching to the steady beat	c. Gold: Copy back with instruments, without and then with	Find the pulse
glockenspiel.	Game 4a – Pitch Copy Back and Vocal Warm-up 2	notation	Lead the class by
Activity D Create Your Own Sounds	Listen and sing back, and some different vocal warm-ups. Use	4. Pitch Copy Back and Vocal Warm-ups	Copy back three
Invent a pattern using one pitched note,	your voices to copy back using 'la'.		Question and an
keep the pulse throughout			
with a single note and begin to create			
simple 2-note patterns to			
accompany the song.			
Extension Activity			
Adding a 2-note melody to the rhythm			
of the words.			
Playing with two pitched notes to invent			
musical patterns.			
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		mponent 3: Singing	1

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Knowledge	Knowledge	Knowledge	Knowledge - To
To sing or rap nursery rhymes and	To confidently sing or rap five songs from memory and sing	To know and be able to talk about:	parts from mem
simple songs from memory.	them in unison.	Singing in a group can be called a choir	pulse.
Songs have sections.	To know that unison is everyone singing at the same	-Leader or conductor: A person who the choir or group follow	To know about
	time.Songs include other ways of using the voice e.g. rapping	Songs can make you feel different things e.g. happy, energetic	feeling and cont
Skills	(spoken word).	or sad	To choose a son



UKS2 Knowledge and Skills able to talk about: thm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture and now they connect in a song or a piece of music. he internal pulse rship: creating musical ideas for the group to nd to mup Games tracks provided, complete the and es. Children will complete the following in main ree notes: enge thms based on the words of the main song, that pation/off beat e-note riffs using simple and syncopated rhythm ge by inventing rhythms for others to copy back o-note riffs by ear and with notation answer using two different notes ge by inventing rhythms for them to copy back ee-note riffs by ear and with notation answer using three different notes

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To know and confidently sing five songs and their emory, and to sing them with a strong internal

ut the style of the songs so you can represent the ontext to your audience song and be able to talk about:



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To sing along with a pre-recorded song and add actions.	To know why we need to warm up our voices.	Singing as part of an ensemble or large group is fun, but that you must	Its main feature Singing in unisc
To sing along with the backing track.	Skills	listen to each other	rapping
	Learn about voices, singing notes of different pitches (high	Texture: How a solo singer makes a thinner texture than a	To know what t
	and low).	large group	To know and ex
	Learn that they can make different types of sounds with their	To know why you must warm up your voice	
	voices – you can rap or say words in rhythm.		Skills - To sing i
	Learn to start and stop singing when following a leader.	Skills - To sing in unison and in simple two-parts.	To enjoy explor
	Learn to find a comfortable singing position.	To demonstrate a good singing posture.	To listen to the
		To follow a leader when singing.	To demonstrate
		To enjoy exploring singing solo.	To follow a lead
		To sing with awareness of being 'in tune'.	To experience ra
		To have an awareness of the pulse internally when singing.	To listen to each
		To re-join the song if lost.	group.
		To listen to the group when singing.	To sing with aw

Component 4: Playing Instruments

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	Knowledge	Knowledge	Knowledge
	Learn the names of the notes in their instrumental part from	To know and be able to talk about:	To know and be
	memory	The instruments used in class (a glockenspiel, a recorder or	Different ways of
	or when written down.	xylophone)	symbols
	Learn the names of the instruments they are playing.	Other instruments they might play or be played in a band or	The notes C, D,
	Know the names of untuned percussion instruments played in class.	orchestra or by their friends.	The instruments orchestra or
		Skills	by their friends
	Skills	To treat instruments carefully and with respect.	
	Treat instruments carefully and with respect. Play a tuned instrumental part with the song they perform. Learn to play an instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts (a one-note part, a simple part, medium part). Listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader. Play the part in time with the steady pulse.	 -Play any one, or all of four, differentiated parts on a tuned instrument –a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of the song) from memory or using notation. To rehearse and perform their part within the context of the Unit song. To listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader. To experience leading the playing by making sure everyone plays in the playing section of the song. 	Skills - Play a m within the conte Select and learn musical challenge, using simple or mediu memory or usin notation. To rehearse and Unit song. To listen to and To lead a rehea

Component 5: Improvisation

Reception Knowledge and Skills	KS1 Knowledge and Skills	LKS2 Knowledge and Skills	U
	Knowledge	Knowledge	Knowledge - To
	Improvisation is about making up your own tunes on the spot.	To know and be able to talk about improvisation:	-Improvisation i
	When someone improvises, they make up their own tune that	Improvisation is making up your own tunes on the spot	-When someone
	has never been heard before. It is not written down and	When someone improvises, they make up their own tune that	has
	belongs to them.	has	never been hear
	- everyone can improvise, and you can use one or two notes.	never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to	them.
		them	-To know that u
	Skills	To know that using one or two notes confidently is better than	than using
	Use the improvisation tracks provided. Improvise using the	using five	five
	three challenges:		



res ison, the solo, lead vocal, backing vocals or

the song is about and the meaning of the lyrics explain the importance of warming up your voice

g in unison and to sing backing vocals.

- oring singing solo.
- ne group when singing.
- ate a good singing posture.
- ader when singing.
- rapping and solo singing.

ach other and be aware of how you fit into the

wareness of being 'in tune'.

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be able to talk about: s of writing music down – e.g. staff notation,

D, E, F, G, A, B + C on the treble stave nts they might play or be played in a band or

musical instrument with the correct technique ntext of the Unit song.

arn an instrumental part that matches their

ng one of the differentiated parts – a one-note, dium part or the melody of the song from sing

nd perform their part within the context of the

nd follow musical instructions from a leader. earsal session.

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o know and be able to talk about improvisation: is making up your own tunes on the spot one improvises, they make up their own tune that

eard before. It is not written down and belongs to

using one or two notes confidently is better



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	1. Clap and Improvise – Listen and clap back, then listen and	To know that if you improvise using the notes you are given,	To know that
	clap your	you	you
	own answer (rhythms of words).	cannot make a mistake	cannot make
	2. Sing, Play and Improvise – Use voices and instruments,	To know that you can use some of the riffs you have heard in	To know that
	listen and	the	the
	sing back, then listen and play your own answer using one or	Challenges in your improvisations	Challenges in
	two		To know thre
	notes.	Skills - Improvise using instruments in the context of the song	
	3. Improvise! – Take it in turns to improvise using one or two	they are learning to	Skills - Impro
	notes.	perform. Using the improvisation tracks provided, children will	be performed
		complete the Bronze, Silver or Gold Challenges:	improvise usi
		Bronze Challenge:	1. Play and C
		Copy Back – Listen and sing back	Bronze – Cop
		Play and Improvise – Using instruments, listen and play your	Silver – Copy
		own answer using one note.	Gold – Copy
		Improvise! – Take it in turns to improvise using one note.	2. Play and I
		-Silver Challenge:	Bronze – Que
		Sing, Play and Copy Back – Listen and copy back using	note in your a
		instruments, using two different notes.	Silver – Ques
		Play and Improvise – Using your instruments, listen and play	notes in your
		your own answer using one or two notes.	Gold – Quest
		Improvise! – Take it in turns to improvise using one or two	notes in your
		notes.	3. Improvisa
		Gold Challenge:	notes will be
		Sing, Play and Copy Back – Listen and copy back using	provided on-
		instruments, two different notes.	Bronze – Imp
		Play and Improvise – Using your instruments, listen and play	Silver – Impr
		your own answer using two different notes.	Gold – Impro
		Improvise! – Take it in turns to improvise using three different	Classroom Ja
		notes.	Bossa Nova a
			Swing using t
			note pattern)
	Com	ponent 6: Composition	
Reception Knowledge and Skills	KS1 Knowledge and Skills	LKS2 Knowledge and Skills	
• •	Knowledge	Knowledge	Knowledge
	Composing is like writing a story with music.	To know and be able to talk about:	To know and
	Everyone can compose.	A composition: music that is created by you and kept in some	A compositio
		way. It's	way. It's
	Skills	like writing a story. It can be played or performed again to	like writing a
	Help to create a simple melody using one, two or three notes.	your	your
	Learn how the notes of the composition can be written down	friends.	friends.
	and changed if necessary.	Different ways of recording compositions (letter names,	A compositio
		symbols,	and are
		audio etc.)	shaped by ter
			Notation: rec
		Skills	symbol
		Help create at least one simple melody using one, three or five	
		different notes.	Skills
		Plan and create a section of music that can be performed	Create simple
		within the	simple
		context of the unit song.	rhythms that
		Talk about how it was created.	Explain the k



if you improvise using the notes you are given,
a mistake
you can use some of the riffs you have heard in
n your improvisations
e well-known improvising musicians
vise using instruments in the context of a song to
d. Use the improvisation tracks provided and
ing the Bronze, Silver or Gold Challenges.
Copy Back
py back using instruments. Use one note.
/ back using instruments. Use the two notes.
back using instruments. Use the three notes.
mprovise You will be using up to three notes:
estion and Answer using instruments. Use one answer.
stion and Answer using instruments. Use two answer. Always start on a G.
tion and Answer using instruments. Use three
answer. Always start on a G.
tion! You will be using up to three notes. The
tone for whit be using up to three notes. The
screen and in the lesson plan:
provise using one note.
ovise using two notes.
ovise using three notes.
azz 2 – Improvise with a feeling for the style of
and
the notes D, E, G, A + B (pentatonic scale/a five-

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d be able to talk about: on: music that is created by you and kept in some

story. It can be played or performed again to

on has pulse, rhythm and pitch that work together

empo, dynamics, texture and structure cognise the connection between sound and

e melodies using up to five different notes and

work musically with the style of the Unit song.

melody.



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		Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and	Listen to and ref
		make musical decisions about pulse, rhythm, pitch, dynamics and	make musical decision
		tempo.	song.
		Record the composition in any way appropriate that	Record the comp
		recognises the	recognises the
		connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial	connection betw
		notation).	notation).
	Com	ponent 7: Performance	
Reception Knowledge and Skills	KS1 Knowledge and Skills	LKS2 Knowledge and Skills	UKS2 Knowle
Knowledge	Knowledge	Knowledge - To know and be able to talk about:	Knowledge
A performance is sharing music.	A performance is sharing music with other people, called an	Performing is sharing music with other people, an audience	To know and be
	audience.	A performance doesn't have to be a drama! It can be to one	Performing is sha
Skills	A performance can be a special occasion and involve a class, a	person or	with belief
Perform any of the nursery rhymes by	year	to each other	A performance d
singing and adding actions or dance.	group or a whole school.	You need to know and have planned everything that will be	person or
Perform any nursery rhymes or songs	An audience can include your parents and friends.	performed	to each other
adding a simple instrumental		You must sing or rap the words clearly and play with	Everything that v
part.	Skills - Choose a song they have learnt from the Scheme and	confidence	learned
Record the performance to talk about.	perform it. They can add their ideas to the performance.	A performance can be a special occasion and involve an audience including of people you don't know	You must sing or confidence
	Record the performance and say how they were feeling about	It is planned and different for each occasion	A performance c
	it.	It involves communicating feelings, thoughts and ideas about	audience
		the song/music	including of peo
			It is planned and
		Skills	A performance in
		To choose what to perform and create a programme.	feelings about th
		Present a musical performance designed to capture the	
		audience.	Skills
		To communicate the meaning of the words and clearly	To choose what
		articulate them.	To communicate
		To talk about the best place to be when performing and how	articulate them.
		to stand	To talk about the
		or sit.	To record the pe
		To record the performance and say how they were feeling,	performance.
		what they	To discuss and ta
		were pleased with what they would change and why.	"It would have be



- reflect upon the developing composition and
- ons about how the melody connects with the
- mposition in any way appropriate that
- tween sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial

vledge and Skills

- be able to talk about: sharing music with other people, an audience
- doesn't have to be a drama! It can be to one
- t will be performed must be planned and
- or rap the words clearly and play with
- can be a special occasion and involve an
- eople you don't know
- nd different for each occasion
- e involves communicating ideas, thoughts and the song/music
- at to perform and create a programme. ate the meaning of the words and clearly
- the venue and how to use it to best effect. performance and compare it to a previous
- I talk musically about it "What went well?" and been even better if...?"