# How our Music curriculum is constructed



Our 'progression' details how our pupils learn the National Curriculum content. Each objective in our progression document requires pupils to master key skills and techniques in order to understand the significance of the knowledge they have learned and can remember - some people call this 'disciplinary knowledge'.

'Overview' details what is taught and when.

The progression document and our skills and techniques are sequenced small building blocks to enable children to achieve our 'key objectives' (end points) we have decided as crucial to meeting the expected standard in each subject by the end of each academic year.

Our medium term planning identifies the 'sticky knowledge', what some people call 'substantive knowledge', and this is the body of knowledge we have selected as being of value for our children to know and remember. The sticky knowledge is sequenced and builds on relevant previous learning and supports future relevant learning.

In years 1&2 Charanga music scheme is used by teachers. In years 3-6 music is taught by the PPA teacher who is able to plan activities which link directly to the wider curriculum and to any performance opportunities such as Harvest, Christmas, sharing assemblies, singing festivals and carol concerts. This same teacher takes singing assembly so further reinforcement of music theory and history of music can take place as this assembly is attended by years 3-6 and direct links are made with what they have been learning in their class based music lessons.

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	Explorers Gatherers			Ехр	plainers	Evaluators	
	Understand	ing of music (	1)				
	a) When listening to music identify instruments played, how it makes them feel, what it makes them think. What images arise in their minds.	a) When listening to music identify changes in the music and begin to use the terms pitch and pace to describe the changes.	a) When listening to music identify the impact of some of the elements in carefully selected music by famous composers from the past and present	a) When listening to music begin to make comparisons between music of different cultures through the elements of music	a) When listening to music have a wider range of knowledge & experience of music from various times & cultures	a) Beginning to develop & demonstrate an understanding of the history of music	a) Demonstrate an understanding of the history of music
	a) Sing a range of well-known rhymes and songs. b) Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others and when appropriate, move in time to music.	a) Begin to play patterns from memory  b) Begin to play/copy with some awareness of the beat  c) Experiment with their voice (chant, rap, represent known sounds)	a) Sing with developing sense of pitch, dynamics, duration, when singing songs with an appropriate range b) Recognise the use of hand signals to show pitch (high/low) in the tune c) Know how to make a sound on several un-tuned instruments.	a) Begin to follow various notations (symbol/pictorial/IC T) to support the rhythm when performing b) When pupils are performing together, they are aware they all need to play to the same beat & the same speed c) They recognise errors & begin to correct when performing	a) Sing largely in tune as a whole class & keep a counter melody or harmony as part of a group  b) Play in such a way that the whole class are aware of the common beat  c) Sing using dynamics to express the mood of the phrase  d) Be aware of other players as they perform	a) Play their own part when performing on instruments with others b) Sing in a way that reflects the genre, lyric & mood of the music (eg appropriate dynamics and phrasing). c) Play simple pieces on a keyboard or other tuned instrument (not percussion) which have a simple melody.	a) When working from notations most will be confident in their use of beat (Semi-breve), 2 beat (Minim) & 1 beat (Crotchet) & pairs of half beat notes (Quavers)  b) Play a counter rhythm in time with the common beat  c) When working with untuned percussions, play straightforward parts in a ensemble with simple note values (semi-breve minim, crotchet & quaver). Sing songs in a 2-part

	together, they are aware they all need to play 'together'  e) Sing largely in tune as a whole class	performing on tuned instruments with others  e) Sing in a way that reflects the lyric			some control of vocal techniques (breathing, posture & diction). This may include 2 part rounds.
a) Explore sounds on instruments &	a) Experiment with their voice	a) Notate some of their work using	tand and Explore a) Create music in first draft form & later	a) Create own music in first draft form, developing	a) Compose music that shows basic
objects b) Make changes	(chant, rap, represent known sounds)	graphic scores (sometimes using ICT)	revise, edit & develop it	music from techniques studied and later revise, edit & develop it	development within a simple structure & that illustrates an intended
to sounds (eg. playing with different beaters	Invent their own pictorial symbols to represent	b) Use a simple structure which	b) When composing, they choose their resources, including	b) When composing, choose resources &	mood or atmosphere e AB or AABB showing a contrasting section of
or using dynamics)	sounds b) Experiment	has a beginning, a middle & an end	instruments, to suit the task	instruments to suit the task.	about 8 bars length with each section having a unique/difference with
c) Make & repeat short patterns of sound	with pitch (high/low), dynamics	c) Develop musical ideas from given stimuli (eg a	c) Work together to link different instruments in pieces	c) Work in teams or as a whole class to produce compositions with more	the elements b) When working as part
d) Create short patterns of sound in response to a starting point (eg a story, a picture,	(loud/quiet), duration (long/short) & timbre (different types of sound) which different	photograph, a poem, a story, animation)	in more than one part (texture)  d) Use dynamics (loud/quiet), pitch (high/low), duration	than 2 instrumental parts	of a group, compose a small ensemble piece which rhythmically & melodically interesting, using basic notation where possible
a short animated film)	instruments make		(long/short), tempo (speed), texture (layers of sound), timbre (quality of sound) & structure (how a piece of music is put together) in a planned way		c) Carry out simple refinements & improvements to their own work, developing main themes with the us of a number of variation techniques to extend the work
I can Listen,	Appraise, Eva	luate, Understa	nd and Explore (4	4)	
a) Make a response to different moods in	a) When listening they can identify the	a) Make suggestions to improve their own	a) Identify the impact of elements in a variety of music from a	a) When listening to music which intends to create an effect or	a) Use relevant musical vocabulary (pitch, dynamics, duration,
music (eg move	impact of some		,	atmosphere	timbre tempo & structure

in a particular way, or paint when listening to a specific piece of music)  b) When changes in musical elements within a piece are very clear (suddenly loud or quiet),	of the elements in carefully selected music by famous composers from the past & present  b) Make suggestions to improve their work	work & act upon this  b) Identify musical features which seem to suggest a mood or atmosphere	range of times & cultures  b) When listening to music which intends to create an effect or atmosphere, they can identify how the elements are used in a particular way  c) Use relevant musical vocabulary	Identify how & why the elements are used in a particular way & investigate their impact  b) Evaluate the effectiveness of a piece of music with regard to its intended effect, venue, occasion & purpose, using some appropriate vocabulary	when talking about the elements of music  b) Analyse music, including music from around the world, historic music from the great composers, & popular music with some accuracy showing basic skills in identifying changes related to the elements
recognise & react to the change  c) Begin to follow simple musical instructions (eg hand signs for "get louder")			(pitch, dynamics, duration, tempo), when talking about the elements of music		of music; duration, pitch, dynamics, tempo, texture, timbre & structure; including the use of silence

# Music Curriculum Overview

	FSU	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Autumn 1	Singing Nursery Rhymes	Charanga: Hey You! Hip Hop music	Charanga: Hands, Feet, Heart South African Music	Harvest service preparation	Harvest service preparation - Dance Cyclic patterns	Harvest service preparation Pentatonic scale	Harvest service preparation Ostinato and drone
Autumn 2	Singing Christmas Play Songs	Charanga: Rhythm in the way we walk and Banana Rap. Reggae and Hip hop music	Christmas Play songs	Christmas service preparation	Christmas service preparation Cyclic patterns	Christmas service preparation Pentatonic scale	Christmas service preparation Ostinato and drone
Spring 1	Clap beat to name	Charanga: In the Groove.	Charanga: I wanna play in a band Rock, playing together	Graphic Score - A Train Journey	WCET		WCET
Spring 2	Clapping rhythms	Charanga: Round and Round. Bossa Nova Latin style.	Charanga: Zootime Reggae	Dance- Kathak	Composition Train Journey		Composition A smooth sea does not make a good sailor
Summer 1	Exploring sounds of different instruments	Charanga: Your Imagination.	Charanga: Friendship song	Drama - physical Theatre		WCET	Dance
Summer 2		Charanga: Reflect, Rewind and Replay. Classical music.	Charanga: Reflect, rewind and replay Western Classical music	Composition- Soundtrack for Drama		Composition Pentatonic scale	Leavers Performance preparation

In addition to any class based music activities all classes have 30 minutes of singing weekly which also includes teaching about the history of music.

Music 'S	ticky' (substantive) Knowledge	Music Key Objective (end points)		
FSU	Recall Nursery Rhymes from memory. Know how many claps their name and their friends names have	<ol> <li>Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs</li> <li>Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music.</li> </ol>		
Year 1	Listen and Appraise  To know five songs off by heart. To know what the songs are about. To know what the songs are about. To know and recognise the sound and names of some of the instruments they use.  Musical Games To know that music has a steady pulse, like a heartbeat. To know that we can create rhythms from words, our names, favourite food, colours and animals.  Singing To confidently sing or rap five songs from memory and sing them in unison.  Playing Learn the names of the notes in their instrumental part from memory or when written down. Learn the names of the instruments they are playing.  Improvisation Improvisation is about making up your own tunes on the spot When someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to them. Everyone can improvise!  Composition Composition Composition Reformance A performance is sharing music with other people, called an audience.	By the end of Year 1 our young musicians are developing into gatherers and demonstrate they have begun to use effectively a range of simple musical skills and techniques and simple subject vocabulary to:  1. Begin to play/copy with some awareness of the beat 2. Make changes to sounds (eg. playing with different beaters or using dynamics) 3. When changes in musical elements within a piece are very clear (suddenly loud or quiet), recognise & react to the change 4. When listening to music identify changes in the music and begin to use the terms pitch and pace to describe the changes.		
Year 2	Listen and Appraise  To know five songs off by heart.  To know some songs have a chorus or a response/answer part.  To know that songs have a musical style.	By the end of Year 2 our young musicians will have become secure gatherers and demonstrated they can use effectively a range of simple musical skills and techniques including and simple subject vocabulary to:		

#### **Musical Games**

- To know that music has a steady pulse, like a heartbeat.
- To know that we can create rhythms from words, our names, favourite food, colours and animals.
- Know that rhythms are different from the steady pulse.
- Know that we add high and low sounds, pitch, when we sing and play our instruments.

## Singing

- To confidently know and sing five songs from memory.
- To know that unison is everyone singing at the same time.
- To know that songs include other ways of using the voice e.g. rapping (spoken word).
- To know why we need to warm up our voices.

## **Playing**

- Learn the names of the notes in their instrumental part from memory or when written down.
- Know the names of untuned percussion instruments played in class.

#### **Improvisation**

• Know that improvisation is making up your own tunes on the spot.

## **Performance**

• Be able to share music with an audience

- 1. When pupils are performing together, they are aware they all need to play 'together'
- 2. Experiment with pitch (high/low), dynamics (loud/quiet), duration (long/short) & timbre (different types of sound) which different instruments make
- 3. When listening they can identify the impact of some of the elements in carefully selected music by famous composers from the past & present

# Year 3

#### **Graphic Score**

- to create symbols to represent different sounds
- to know that sound can be represented by symbols
- to follow these symbols to play as an ensemble

#### WCET

- to explore pitch on chime bars ad recorders learning the fingering for G, A and B
- follow a music score where notes are lettered
- to recognise crotchets and minims
- to beat time 4 beats in a bar

#### **Dance**

- to create motifs to express a piece of music
- to perform confidently
- to perform in unison
- to be aware of music from other countries

By the end of Year 3 our young musicians are developing into explainers and demonstrated they have begun to effectively use a range of musical skills and techniques and subject vocabulary to:

- 1. When pupils are performing together, they are aware they all need to play to the same beat & the same speed
- 2. Use a simple structure which has a beginning, a middle & an end
- 3. Identify musical features which seem to suggest a mood or atmosphere
- 4. When listening to music, begin to make comparisons between music of different cultures through the elements of music

## Composition • to choose pitched and unpitched instruments appropriately • to create symbols to represent different sounds to know that sound can be represented by symbols • to follow these symbols to play as an ensemble Harvest/Christmas to perform confidently - singing Year 4 Cyclic Patterns By the end of Year 4 our young musicians will have become secure explainers and demonstrated they can use effectively a range of • to develop understanding of musical notation by creating and recording a musical skills and techniques and subject vocabulary to: cyclic rhythm. to compose cyclic patterns which are layered to create texture in a piece of music using appropriate instruments 1. Sing largely in tune as a whole class & keep a counter melody or harmony as part of a group **WCET** 2. When composing, they choose their resources, including • to learn fingering for C and D on recorders instruments, to suit the task 3. When listening to music which intends to create an effect or • to recognise quavers - half a beat • to recognise treble clef and time signature 4/4 atmosphere, they can identify how the elements are used in a particular way 4. When listening to music, have a wider range of knowledge & Dance • to find different dance motifs to express the changing qualities of a piece of experience of music from various times & cultures • to perform in staggered time/ waterfall Composition • to use words to create a rhythm to assign notes to this rhythm to create an ostinato • to play ostinato on pitched instruments with vocal accompaniment • to notate composition using non-standard method - letters in blocks to show rhvthm Harvest/Christmas to perform with increased confidence when singing and dancing with increased awareness of front Year 5 **Pentatonic Scale** By the end of Year 5 our young musicians are developing into evaluators and demonstrated they can use effectively a range of • to know notes of pentatonic scale musical skills and techniques and more technical subject vocabulary • to understand what is meant by pitch to listen to music from other countries - China to: • to sing and play simple pentatonic melodies 1. Sing in a way that reflects the genre, lyric & mood of the music

	<ul> <li>wcet</li> <li>to learn fingering on recorder for F,E low D and low C</li> <li>to learn position of notes on stave</li> <li>to recognize a semibreve - 4 beats</li> <li>to follow a musical score without named notes</li> </ul> Dance <ul> <li>.to use changing numbers to create more complex routines</li> <li>to include partner work in motifs</li> </ul> Composition <ul> <li>to use pentatonic scale when composing</li> <li>to notate composition using letters on staircase</li> </ul> Harvest/Christmas <ul> <li>to show an awareness of needs of audience when performing</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>Work in teams or as a whole class to produce compositions with more than 2 instrumental parts</li> <li>Evaluate the effectiveness of a piece of music with regard to its intended effect, venue, occasion &amp; purpose, using some appropriate vocabulary</li> </ol>
Year 6	Ostinato and Drone  to play ostinato and drone accompaniment to a piece of music  WCET  to consolidate understanding of position of notes in the stave  to learn fingering for F sharp and G sharp and B flat  to know value of dotted crotchets and dotted minims  Dance  to develop dances using a chorus verse structure  to take partner off axis and support some/all of their weight  Composition  to use ostinato and drone in composition  to notate composition using the standard method  Harvest/Christmas  to adapt performance to suit needs of audience	By the end of Year 6 our young musicians will have become secure evaluators and demonstrated they can use effectively a range of musical skills and techniques and more technical subject vocabulary to:  1. Play a counter rhythm in time with the common beat 2. Compose music that shows basic development within a simple structure & that illustrates an intended mood or atmosphere eg AB or AABB showing a contrasting section of about 8 bars length with each section having a unique/difference within the elements 3. Analyse music, including music from around the world, historic music from the great composers, & popular music with some accuracy showing basic skills in identifying changes related to the elements of music; duration, pitch, dynamics, tempo, texture, timbre & structure; including the use of silence
All Years	Singing Assembly  to sing in parts  to sing with awareness of others  to sing showing awareness of audience  to sing with increased control and diction  to sing in a style that reflects the song  to develop an understanding of the history of music  to further develop understanding of standard notation by clapping rhythms generated by reward system and notated on large stave in hall	