

In Harmony Musicianship Curriculum for KS2 2024

		Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Strands of Learning	Pitch and Singing	 Begin to sing and play a range of repertoire in unison, rounds and using an ostinato Demonstrate an understanding of solfa sounds and hand signs; understand that d can move; low so low octave Consolidating major scale solfa Experience and recognise minor tonality Develop awareness of semitone steps Sight-sing stepwise melodies from a stave 	 Confidently sing and play a range of repertoire in unison, rounds and using an ostinato Demonstrate a strong understanding of solfa sounds and hand signs; understand that d can move, low so low octave Sing and play pieces in natural minor keys Sing natural minor solfa scale starting on la 	 Sing and play repertoire that has multiple parts and more complex contrapuntal features Develop the ability to play a simple rhythmic accompaniment part as well as the melody Develop confidence in natural minor keys and begin an awareness of melodic and harmonic minor 	 Confidently sing and play repertoire that has multiple parts and more complex contrapuntal features Explore and understand harmonic and melodic minors, and have an awareness of modes Independently find connections between ensemble repertoire and musical concepts
	Pulse, Beat, and Rhythm	Conduct and identify 2, 3 and 4 time. Identify strong beat of bar	Confidently conduct and identify 2, 3 and 4 time. Identify strong beat of bar	 Conduct and identify 2, 3 and 4 and 6/8 time. Identify strong beat of bar Awareness of subdivided beats 	 To be able to follow a sub-divided beat Play more complicated rhythms



	 Confidently interpret a range of simple rhythm patterns to clap and on play on an instrument ABRSM Aural Grade 1 Begin to have an awareness of more complex and irregular time signatures 	 Able to maintain strong beat and consistent sense of tempo in singing and on an instrument Develop an awareness of more complex rhythmic concepts, including polyrhythms, syncopation, and anacrusis 	Play, sing, and understand more complex time signatures such as 12/8	Explore music in irregular time signatures with time signature changes
Listening, Imagination, and Movement	 Be able to identify a variety of styles and genres of music Demonstrate understanding of inner hearing and aural memory Recognise and name simple phrase structures and patterns Improvise on an instrument using rhythm and core major key notes 	 Can improvise with increased confidence and intention; maintaining a strong beat and an awareness of tonality and style Can compose a short melody for their own instrument and notate on the stave, with the use of answering phrase or motif 	 Can improvise within a melody and with specific parameters, fitting in with a structure and a key maintaining a sense of tonality and style Can compose a melody for their own and other instruments and notate on the stave with assistance 	 Have an awareness of ornamentation and variation within appropriate styles Ability to reflect on work as part of a group Create, improvise, and compose music both as part of a group and individually Improvise using movement and dance
Reading Musical Notation	 Read a range of rhythm patterns confidently and play on an instrument Read reference pitches in home clef, for example open 	 Identify and notate on a stave and follow stepwise changes in pitch, referring to letter names or finger numbers Understanding of the elements of notated 	 Become confident in reading pitch on our home clef for each instrument Awareness of accidentals Identify the clef signs for other instruments Confident in sight reading simple rhythms and able to 	 Strong understanding of reading pitch and rhythm on our own instrument's clef Able to identify simple key signatures; understand and interpret accidentals Understand further

strings on a string instrument Begin to read and understand scale patterns and octaves Begin to be able to read pitch on our home clef for each instrument	music – clef, time signature, barlines, key signature Recognising slurs and dynamic markings – ff, f, mf, mp, p, pp Gain more confidence in sight reading simple rhythms Awareness of other clefs Awareness of key signature	attempt reading more complex rhythmic concepts Have an awareness of longer notes that last more than one bow and hemiolas in the context of simple homophonic music Simple dictation	elements of notated music such as tempo markings, more complex directions; for example 1st and 2nd time bars, different value rests, tied notes and pauses To be able to read notes with low and high ledger lines