Music Overview - NURSERY

| Year Group | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
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| Nursery | In Harmony | In Harmony | In Harmony | In Harmony | In Harmony | In Harmony |
| | Finding my | Finding my voice - | Finding my voice - | Finding my voice - | Finding my voice - | Finding my voice - |
| | voice - hearing and singing simple songs and clapping the beat | hearing and singing simple songs and clapping the beat | hearing and singing simple songs and clapping the beat and developing when to start and stop following signals. | hearing and singing simple songs and clapping the beat and developing when to start and stop following signals. | hearing and singing simple songs and clapping the beat and developing when to start and stop following signals. Beginning to recognise fast and slow, loud and quiet sounds. | hearing and singing simple songs and clapping the beat and developing when to start and stop following signals. Beginning to recognise fast and slow, loud and quiet sounds. |



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| | Reception | YEAR 1 | YEAR 2 |
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| Pitch and Singing. | Differentiate between speaking voice and singing voice. | Develop and control singing voice. | Sing a variety of core repertoire and songs using the whole scale with accurate pitch. |
| | Recognise high and low sounds and find them using our voice. | Sing a variety of core repertoire and songs in unison using pentatonic solfa d, r, m, s, l. (see Song | Sing songs and play music games using solfa and solfa hand signs. |
| | Begin to be able to pitch match our voices as | Bank 1). | Singing in parts using rounds and ostinato. |
| | part of a group and individually. Gain confidence singing a variety of songs | Sing songs and play music games using solfa and solfa hand signs. | Core repertoire in Song Bank 2, to connect with instrumental learning. |
| | from Core repertoire (see Song Bank 1) | Develop confidence to sing alone and as part of a group. | |
| Pulse and | Learn to keep a steady beat, as part of a | Differentiate between beat and rhythm. | Begin to have an awareness of Metre: 2,3 & 4 |
| Beat. | group, as an individual and on a percussion instrument. | Easting the strong bests of the bar | time. |
| | | Feeling the strong beats of the bar. | Understand bar lines. |
| | Understand silent beats | Counting beats in a song | Conduct in 2 and 3 time |
| Rhythm. | Learn to clap/tap/step rhythms of words, | Clap & step rhythm patterns against the beat. | Reinforce prior learning of rhythm. |
| | names and known songs. Recognise and identify rhythm patterns in | Confident understanding of Crotchet, quaver, crotchet rest using Kodaly words ta, tete, etc. | Understand semiquaver patterns and dotted rhythms. |
| | games and songs. | Recognise and play known rhythm patterns on a percussion instrument. | Recognise and play rhythm patterns on a string instrument or recorder. |



| | Reception | YEAR 1 | YEAR 2 |
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| Listening, Imagination and Movement. | Listen to a variety of styles and genres of music. Develop inner hearing and aural memory, recognise simple phrase structure and patterns. Begin to have an awareness of concept pairs, faster slower, louder softer, higher lower. Move to the beat, start, and stop on signal. Respond expressively to music and react to changes. | Respond to different styles of music. Further develop inner hearing, 'thinking voice' and aural memory. Demonstrate an understanding of concept pairs Become aware of phrase structure and patterns. Improvise rhythms, create our own words for known melodies, improvise using solfa. | Become familiar with a variety of styles and genres of music. Step the beat and clap the rhythm simultaneously. Move confidently to music. Stop and change speeds on signal. Improvise and use ideas to compose/create songs or performances as part of a group. |
| Reading Musical Notation. | Recognise basic visual depictions of music and discover how they match up with sound. Begin to have an awareness of written rhythm using Kodaly notation. Recognise high and low, above and below the line, using a one-line stave. | Read and interpret written rhythm notation, minim, crotchet, quavers and crotchet rest. Awareness of high and low using a 3 line stave moving on to a full stave. Recognise the difference between line notes and space notes. | Confidently read and interpret written rhythm including minim, crotchet, quavers and crotchet rest. Read and interpret dotted notes, semiquaver groups and semibreve. Awareness of clefs to match instrumental learning. |





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| | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| Pitch and Singing. | Begin to sing and play a range of repertoire in unison, rounds and using an ostinato. | Confidently sing and play a range of repertoire in unison, rounds and using an ostinato. | Sing and play repertoire that has multiple parts and more complex contrapuntal features, | Confidently sing and play repertoire that has multiple parts and more complex contrapuntal features, |
| | Demonstrate an understanding of solfa sounds and hansigns, understand that d can move, Low so low octave | Demonstrate a strong understanding of solfa sounds and handsigns, understand that d can move, Low so low octave | Develop the ability to play a simple rhythmic accompaniment part as well as the melody. | Explore and understand harmonic and melodic minors, and have an awareness of modes. |
| | Consolidating major scale solfa | | Develop confidence in natural minor | Independently find connections |
| | Experience and recognise minor Tonality. | Sing and play pieces in natural minor keys, | keys and begin an awareness of Melodic and Harmonic minor. | between ensemble repertoire and musical concepts. |
| | Develop awareness of semitone steps. | Sing natural minor solfa scale starting on la | | |
| | Sight-sing stepwise melodies from a stave. | 5 | | |
| Pulse, Beat | Conduct and identify 2, 3 and 4 | Confidently conduct and identify 2, | Conduct and identify 2, 3 and 4 and 6/8 | To be able to follow a sub-divided |
| and | time. Identify strong beat of bar. | 3 and 4 time. | time. Identify strong beat of bar. | beat |
| Rhythm. | Confidently and interpret a range of simple rhythm patterns to clap | Identify strong beat of bar. | Awareness of subdivided beats | Play more complicated rhythms Explore music in irregular time |
| | and on play on an instrument. | Able to maintain strong beat and consistent sense of tempo in | Play sing and understand more complex time signatures such as 12/8 | signatures with time signature changes. |
| | ABRSM Aural Grade 1. | singing and on an instrument | | |
| | Begin to have an awareness of more complex and irregular time signatures. | Develop an awareness of more complex rhythmic concepts, including polyrhythms, syncopation anacrusis | | |

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| 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 strings on a string instrument. Begin to read and understand scale patterns and octave Begin to be able to read pitch on our home clef for each instrument. | 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 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 | 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 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 | 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 elements of notated music such as tempo markings more complex directions for example 1 st and 2 nd time bars, different value rests, tied notes and pauses. To be able to read notes with low and high ledger lines. |

