

EYFS (Class R)	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6					
	Listening										
*Responding to music through movement, altering movement to reflect the tempo, dynamics or pitch of	Recognising and understanding the difference between pulse and rhythm.	*Recognising timbre changes in music they listen to. Recognising structural	*Discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical	Recognising the use and development of motifs in music. *Identifying gradual	*Recognising and confidently discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music	Discussing musical eras in context, identifying how they have influenced each other, and discussing the					
the music.	*Understanding that different types of	features in music they *listen to.	vocabulary (Indian, classical, Chinese,	dynamic and tempo changes within a piece of	using musical vocabulary.	impact of different composers on the					
Exploring lyrics by suggesting appropriate actions.	sounds are called timbres. *Recognising basic	Listening to and recognising instrumentation.	Battle Songs, Ballads, Jazz). Understanding that	music. Recognising and discussing the stylistic	(South African, West African, Musical, Theatre, Blues, Dance Remix.).	development of musical styles. Recognising and					
Exploring the story behind the lyrics or music. Listening to and following a beat using	tempo, dynamic and pitch changes (faster/slower, louder/quieter and	*Beginning to use musical vocabulary to describe music.	music from different parts of the world has different features.	features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary	*Representing the features of a piece of music using graphic	confidently discussing the stylistic features of music and relating it to other aspects of the					
body percussion and instruments.	higher/lower). Describing the	Identifying melodies that move in steps.	*Recognising and explaining the changes within a piece of music	(Samba, Rock and Roll). Identifying common	notation, and colours, justifying their choices with reference to	Arts (Pop art, Film music).					
*Considering whether a piece of music has a fast, moderate or slow tempo. Listening to	character, mood, or 'story' of music they listen to, both verbally and through	Listening to and repeating a short, simple melody by ear.	using musical vocabulary. *Describing the timbre,	features between different genres, styles and traditions of music.	musical vocabulary. *Comparing, discussing and evaluating music	*Representing changes in pitch, dynamics and texture using graphic notation, justifying					
sounds and matching them to the object or instrument.	movement. Describing the	Suggesting improvements to their own and others' work.	dynamic, and textural details of a piece of music, both verbally,	*Recognising, naming and explaining the effect of the interrelated	using detailed musical vocabulary.	their choices with reference to musical vocabulary.					
*Listening to sounds and identifying high and low pitch.	differences between two pieces of music. Expressing a basic		and through movement. Beginning to show an	dimensions of music. *Identifying scaled dynamics	*Developing confidence in using detailed musical vocabulary (related to the inter-	Identifying the way that features of a song can complement one					
Listening to and repeating a simple	opinion about music (like/dislike).		awareness of metre.	(crescendo/decrescendo) within a piece of music.	related dimensions of music) to discuss and evaluate their own and	another to create a coherent overall effect.					
rhythm. Listening to and	Listening to and repeating short, simple rhythmic patterns.		musical vocabulary (related to the inter- related dimensions of	*Using musical vocabulary to discuss the purpose of a piece of	others' work.	*Use musical vocabulary correctly when describing and					
repeating simple lyrics.			music) when discussing	music.		evaluating the features of a piece of music.					



Understanding that different instruments make different sounds and grouping them accordingly	Listening and responding to other performers by playing as part of a group		improvements to their own and others' work	*Using musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) when discussing improvements to their own and others' work.		Evaluating how the venue, occasion and purpose affects the way a piece of music sounds. *Confidently using detailed musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) to discuss and evaluate their own and others work.
			Composing			
Playing untuned percussion 'in time' with a piece of music. Selecting classroom objects to use as instruments. Experimenting with body percussion and vocal sounds to respond to music. Selecting appropriate instruments to represent action and mood. Experimenting with	Selecting and creating short sequences of sound with voices or instruments to represent a given idea or character. Combining instrumental and vocal sounds within a given structure. Creating simple melodies using a few notes. *Choosing dynamics, tempo and timbre for a piece of music.	Selecting and creating longer sequences of appropriate sounds with voices or instruments to represent a given idea or character. *Successfully combining and layering several instrumental and vocal patterns within a given structure. Creating simple melodies from five or more notes.	Composing a piece of music in a given style with voices and instruments (Battle Song, Indian Classical, Jazz, Swing). Combining melodies and rhythms to compose a multi- layered composition in a given style (pentatonic). *Using letter name and rhythmic notation (graphic or staff), and key musical vocabulary to label and record	Composing a coherent piece of music in a given style with voices, bodies and instruments. Beginning to improvise musically within a given style. Developing melodies using rhythmic variation, transposition, inversion, and looping. *Creating a piece of music with at least four different layers and a clear structure. *Using letter name, graphic and rhythmic	Composing a detailed piece of music from a given stimulus with voices, bodies and instruments (Remix, Colours, Stories, Drama). Improvising coherently within a given style. *Combining rhythmic patterns (ostinato) into a multi-layered composition using all the inter-related dimensions of music to add musical interest.	Improvising coherently and creatively within a given style, incorporating given features. Composing a multi- layered piece of music from a given stimulus with voices, bodies and Instruments. Composing an original song, incorporating lyric writing, melody writing and the composition of accompanying features, within a given structure.
playing instruments in different ways.	Creating a simple graphic score to represent a composition.	*Choosing appropriate dynamics, tempo and timbre for a piece of music.	their compositions. *Suggesting and implementing improvements to their	notation and key musical vocabulary to label and record their compositions.	Using staff notation to record rhythms and melodies.	*Developing melodies using rhythmic variation, transposition and changes in



	Beginning to make improvements to their work as suggested by the teacher	Using letter name and graphic notation to represent the details of their composition. Beginning to suggest improvements to their own work.	own work, using musical vocabulary	*Suggesting improvements to others' work, using musical vocabulary.	*Selecting, discussing and refining musical choices both alone and with others, using musical vocabulary with confidence. Suggesting and demonstrating	dynamics, pitch and texture. Recording own composition using appropriate forms of notation and/or technology and incorporating.
					improvements to own and others' work.	*Constructively critique their own and others' work, using musical vocabulary.
			Performing			
Using their voices to join in with well-known songs from memory. Remembering and maintaining their role within a group performance. Moving to music with instruction to perform actions. Participating in performances to a	Using their voices expressively to speak and chant. Singing short songs from memory, maintaining the overall shape of the melody and keeping in time. Maintaining the pulse (play on the beat) using hands, and tuned and untuned instruments.	*Using their voices expressively when singing, including the use of basic dynamics (loud and quiet). Singing short songs from memory, with melodic and rhythmic accuracy. Copying longer rhythmic patterns on untuned percussion instruments, keeping a	Singing songs in a variety of musical styles with accuracy and control, demonstrating developing vocal technique. Singing and playing in time with peers, with some degree of accuracy and awareness of their part in the group performance.	*Singing longer songs in a variety of musical styles from memory, with accuracy, control, fluency and a developing sense of expression including control of subtle dynamic changes. Singing and playing in time with peers with accuracy and awareness of their part in the group performance.	Singing songs in two or more parts, in a variety of musical styles from memory, with accuracy, fluency, control and expression. *Working as a group to perform a piece of music, adjusting dynamics and pitch according to a graphic score, keeping in time with others and communicating with	Singing songs in two or more secure parts from memory, with accuracy, fluency, control and expression. *Working as a group to perform a piece of music, adjusting the interrelated dimensions of music as required, keeping in time with others and communicating with the group.
small audience. Stopping and starting playing at the right time.	Copying back short rhythmic and melodic phrases on percussion instruments. *Responding to simple musical instructions such as tempo and dynamic changes as	*Performing expressively using dynamics and timbre to alter sounds as appropriate.	*Performing from basic staff notation, incorporating rhythm and pitch and being able to identify these symbols using musical terminology.	Playing melody parts on tuned instruments with accuracy and control and developing instrumental technique. Playing syncopated rhythms with accuracy, control and fluency	the group. Performing with accuracy and fluency from graphic and simple staff notation.	Performing a solo or taking a leadership role within a performance. Performing with accuracy and fluency from graphic and staff notation and from their own notation.



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part of a class	Singing back short			Playing a simple chord					
performance.	melodic patterns by ear			progression with	Performing by following				
	and playing short			accuracy and fluency	a conductor's cues and				
Performing from	melodic patterns from				directions.				
graphic notation	letter notation								
History of music KS2 only									
		Understanding that	*Recognising and	*Confidently discussing	*Discussing musical				
		music from different	discussing the stylistic	the stylistic features of	eras in context,				
		times has different	features of different	different genres, styles	identifying how they				
		features.	genres, styles and	and traditions of music	have influenced each				
			traditions of music using	and explaining how	other, and discussing				
		(Also part of the	musical vocabulary.	these have developed	the impact of different				
		Listening strand)		over time.	composers on the				
			(Also part of the		development of musical				
			Listening strand)	(Also part of the	styles.				
				Listening strand)					
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					Listening strand)				

*Also form part of the 'Inter-related dimensions of music' strand.

The Inter – related dimensions of music										
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Pitch	To understand that what 'high' and ' low' notes are.	To understand that pitch means how high or low a note sounds.	To know that some tuned instruments have a lower range of pitches and some have a higher range	To know that the group of pitches in a song is called its 'key' and that a key decides whether a	To know that a bass line is the lowest pitch line of notes in a piece of music, and a walking	To understand that a minor key (pitch) can be used to make music sound sad.	To know that the Solfa syllables represent the pitches in an octave.			
		To understand that 'tuned' instruments play more than one pitch of notes.	of pitches. To understand that a melody is made up from high and low pitched notes played one after the other, making a	song sounds happy or sad. To know that some traditional music around the world is based on five-notes called a 'pentatonic'	bassline (where patterns of notes go up then down again) is common in rock and roll. To know that a glissando in music	To understand that major chords create a bright, happy sound. To know that a 'bent note' is a note that varies in its pitch, eg	To understand that 'major' key signatures use note pitches that sound cheerful and upbeat. To understand that 'minor' key			
			other, making a tune.	called a 'pentatonic' scale.	glissando in music means a sliding	varies in its pitch, eg	'minor' key signatures use note			



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				To understand that a pentatonic melody uses only the five notes C D E G A.	effect played on instruments or made by your voice. To know that 'transposing' a melody means changing its key, making it higher or lower pitched.	the pitch may slide up or down. To understand that varying effects can be created using only your voice, for example by changing the pitch, dynamic or tempo of the sounds made.	pitches that can suggest sadness and tension. To know that a melody can be adapted by changing its pitch.
Duration	To recognise that different sounds can be long or short.	To know that rhythm means a pattern of long and short notes.	To know that 'duration' means how long a note, phrase or whole piece of music lasts. To know that the long and short sounds of a spoken phrase can be represented by a rhythm.	To know that different notes have different durations, and that crotchets are worth one whole beat. To know that written music tells you how long to play a note for.	To know that combining different instruments playing different rhythms creates layers of sound called 'texture'. To know that playing 'in time' requires playing the notes for the correct duration as well as at the correct speed. To know that a motif in music can be a repeated rhythm.	To know that 'poly- rhythms' means many different rhythms played at once. To know that the duration of a note or phrase in music can be shown using a repeated symbol or the size of a symbol on a graphic score.	To understand that all types of music notation show note duration, including the Kodaly method which uses syllables to indicate rhythms. To understand that representing beats of silence or 'rests' in written music is important as it helps us play rhythms correctly. To know that a quaver is worth half a beat
Dynamics	To understand that instruments can be played loudly or softly	To know that dynamics means how loud or soft a sound is. To understand that sounds can be adapted to change their mood, eg through dynamics.	To know that dynamics can change the effect a sound has on the audience.	To know that different notes have different durations, and that crotchets are worth one whole beat. To know that written music tells	To know that combining different instruments playing different rhythms creates layers of sound called 'texture'. To know that playing 'in time'	To know that 'poly- rhythms' means many different rhythms played at once. To know that the duration of a note or phrase in music can be shown using a	To understand that all types of music notation show note duration, including the Kodaly method which uses syllables to indicate rhythms. To understand that representing beats



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Tempo	To recognise music that is 'fast' or 'slow'. To understand that we can match our body movements to the speed (tempo) or pulse (beat) of music.	To know that the 'pulse' is the steady beat that goes through music. To know that tempo is the speed of the music.	To understand that the tempo of a musical phrase can be changed to achieve a different effect.	you how long to play a note for.	requires playing the notes for the correct duration as well as at the correct speed. To know that a motif in music can be a repeated rhythm. To know that playing in time means all performers playing together at the same speed.	repeated symbol or the size of a symbol on a graphic score. To understand that a slow tempo can be used to make music sound sad. To understand that varying effects can be created using only your voice, for example by changing the pitch, dynamic or tempo of the sounds made.	of silence or 'rests' in written music is important as it helps us play rhythms correctly. To know that a quaver is worth half a beat To know that a melody can be adapted by changing its dynamics, pitch or tempo.
Timbre	To know that different instruments can sound like a particular character.	To know that 'timbre' means the quality of a sound; eg that different instruments would sound different playing a note of the same pitch. To know that my voice can create different timbres to help tell a story	To know that musical instruments can be used to create 'real life' sound effects. To understand an instrument can be matched to an animal noise based on its timbre.	To understand that the timbre of instruments played affect the mood and style of a piece of music.	To know that grouping instruments according to their timbre can create contrasting 'textures' in music. To understand that both instruments and voices can create audio effects that describe something you can see.	To understand that human voices have their own individual timbre, and that this can be adapted by using the voice in different ways.	To know that timbre can also be thought of as 'tone colour' and can be described in many ways eg warm or cold, rich or bright.
Texture	To know that music often has more than one instrument	To know that music has layers called 'texture'.	To know that a graphic score can show a picture of	To know that many types of music from around the world	To know that combining different instruments and	To understand that a chord is the layering of several	To understand that texture can be created by adding or



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	being played at a		the layers, or	consist of more than	different rhythms	pitches played at the	removing
	time.		'texture', of a piece	one layer of sound;	when we compose	same time. To know	instruments in a
			of music.	for example a 'tala'	can create layers of	that poly-rhythms	piece and can create
				and 'rag' in	sound we call	means many	the effect of
				traditional Indian	'texture'. To	rhythms played at	dynamic change.
				music.	understand that	once.	
					harmony means		To know that a
					playing two notes at		counter-melody is
					the same time,		different to
					which usually sound		harmony because it
					good together.		uses a different
							rhythm as well as
							complementary
							notes.
Chrusture	To recognise the	To know that a piece	To understand that	To know that in a	To know that	To know that a loop	To know that a
Structure	chorus in a familiar	of music can have	structure means the	ballad, a 'stanza'	deciding the	is a repeated rhythm	chord progression is
	song.	more than one	organisation of	means a verse. To	structure of music	or melody, and is	a sequence of
		section, eg a versed	sounds within	know that music	when composing	another word for	chords that repeats
		and a chorus	music, eg a chorus	from different	can help us create	ostinato. To know	throughout a song.
			and verse pattern in	places often has	interesting music	that 12-bar Blues is	
			a song.	different structural	with contrasting	a sequence of 12	To know that a
			5	features, eg	sections. An ostinato	bars of music, made	'theme' in music is
				traditional Chinese	is a musical pattern	up of three different	the main melody
				music is based on	that is repeated	chords.	and that 'variations'
				the five-note	over and over; a		are when this
				pentatonic scale.	vocal ostinato is a		melody has been
				pentatorno ocarei	pattern created with		changed in some
					your voice. To		way.
					understand that		way.
					musical motifs		
					(repeating patterns)		
					are used as a		
					building block in		
					many well-known		
					pieces of music		
	To know that signals	To understand that	To know that	To understand that	To know that	To know that simple	To know that
Notation	can tell us when to	music can be	'notation' means	'reading' music	'performance	pictures can be used	'graphic notation'
		represented by	writing music down	-	directions' are	to represent the	
	start or stop playing.		e e	means using how		•	means writing music
		pictures or symbols.	so that someone	the written note	words added to	structure	down using your
			else can play it I	symbols look and	music notation to		choice of pictures or



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	know that a graphic	their position to	tell the performers	(organisation) of	symbols but 'staff
	score can show a	know what notes to	how to play	music.	notation' means
	picture of the	play.			music written more
	structure and / or			To understand that	formally on the
	texture of music			in written staff	special lines called
				notation, notes can	'staves'.
				go on or between	
				lines, and that the	To know that chord
				lines show the pitch	progressions are
				of the note.	represented in
					music by Roman
					numerals.