Breadth of	Key Stage One	Key Stage	e Two
Study	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
	Pulse and rhythm Theme: All about me	Developing singing technique Theme: The Vikings	Composition notation Theme: Ancient Egypt
	Musical Vocabulary Theme: Under the sea	Creating compositions inn response to an animation	Looping and remixing
	Pitch and Tempo	Theme: Mountain	Songs of WW2
Year A	Theme: Superheroes	Jazz	Composition to represent the festival of
	West African call and response song Theme: Animals	Body and tuned percussion Theme: Rainforests	colour Theme: Holi festival
	Musical me	Changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics Theme: Rivers	Theme and variation Theme: Pop Art
	On the island:	A down the country of Towns or a state of Adaptive	
	British songs and sounds	Adapting and Transposing Motifs Theme: Romans	Composing and performing a Leavers' Song
	Tempo	Ballads	South and West Africa
	Theme: Snail and mouse Timbre and rhythmic pattern	Pentatonic melodies and composition Theme: Chinese New Year	Blues
Year B	Theme: Fairy tales	Traditional instruments and improvisation	Film music
	Vocal and body sounds: Theme: By the sea	Theme: India	Musical theatre
	Orchestral instruments	Rock and roll	Dynamics, pitch and tempo
	Theme: Traditional stories	Haiku, music and performance Theme: Hanami	Theme: Fingal's Cave

Dynamics, timbre, tempo and motifs

Theme: Chinese New Year

Samba and carnival; sounds and instruments

Baroque

Composing and performing a Leavers'
Song

My

Big Ideas in Music



Listening



Performing



Composing



History of music

Listening

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2
*Responding to music through movement, altering movement to reflect the tempo, dynamics or pitch of the music. Exploring lyrics by suggesting appropriate actions. Exploring the story behind the lyrics or music. Listening to and following a beat using body percussion and instruments. *Considering whether a piece of music has a fast, moderate or slow tempo. Listening to sounds and matching them to the object or instrument. *Listening to sounds and identifying high and low pitch. Listening to and repeating a simple rhythm. Listening to and repeating simple lyrics. Understanding that different instruments make different sounds and grouping them accordingly.	Recognising and understanding the difference between pulse and rhythm. *Understanding that different types of sounds are called timbres. *Recognising basic tempo, dynamic and pitch changes (faster/slower, louder/quieter and higher/lower). Describing the character, mood, or 'story' of music they listen to, both verbally and through movement. Describing the differences between two pieces of music. Expressing a basic opinion about music (like/dislike). Listening to and repeating short, simple rhythmic patterns. Listening and responding to other performers by playing as part of a group.	*Recognising timbre changes in music they listen to. Recognising structural features in music they *listen to. Listening to and recognising instrumentation. *Beginning to use musical vocabulary to describe music. Identifying melodies that move in steps. Listening to and repeating a short, simple melody by ear. Suggesting improvements to their own and others' work.

Listening

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
*Discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary (Indian, classical, Chinese, Battle Songs, Ballads, Jazz). Understanding that music from different parts of the world has different features. *Recognising and explaining the changes within a piece of music using musical vocabulary. *Describing the timbre, dynamic, and textural details of a piece of music, both verbally, and through movement. Beginning to show an awareness of metre. *Beginning to use musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) when discussing improvements to their own and others' work.	Recognising the use and development of motifs in music. *Identifying gradual dynamic and tempo changes within a piece of music. Recognising and discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary (Samba, Rock and Roll). Identifying common features between different genres, styles and traditions of music. *Recognising, naming and explaining the effect of the interrelated dimensions of music. *Identifying scaled dynamics (crescendo/decrescendo) within a piece of music. *Using musical vocabulary to discuss the purpose of a piece of music. *Using musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) when discussing improvements to their own and others' work.	*Recognising and confidently discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary. (South African, West African, Musical, Theatre, Blues, Dance Remix.). *Representing the features of a piece of music using graphic notation, and colours, justifying their choices with reference to musical vocabulary. *Comparing, discussing and evaluating music using detailed musical vocabulary. *Developing confidence in using detailed musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) to discuss and evaluate their own and others' work.	Discussing musical eras in context, identifying how they have influenced each other, and discussing the impact of different composers on the development of musical styles. Recognising and confidently discussing the stylistic features of music and relating it to other aspects of the Arts (Pop art, Film music). *Representing changes in pitch, dynamics and texture using graphic notation, justifying their choices with reference to musical vocabulary. Identifying the way that features of a song can complement one another to create a coherent overall effect. *Use musical vocabulary correctly when describing and evaluating the features of a piece of music. 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

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2
Playing untuned percussion 'in time' with a piece of music.	Selecting and creating short sequences of sound with voices or instruments to represent a given idea or character.	Selecting and creating longer sequences of appropriate sounds with voices or instruments to represent a given idea or character.
Selecting classroom objects to use as instruments.	Combining instrumental and vocal sounds within a given	
Experimenting with body percussion and vocal sounds to respond to music.	structure.	*Successfully combining and layering several instrumental and vocal patterns within a given structure.
Selecting appropriate instruments to represent action and	Creating simple melodies using a few notes.	Creating simple melodies from five or more notes.
mood.	*Choosing dynamics, tempo and timbre for a piece of music.	*Choosing appropriate dynamics, tempo and timbre for a piece of music.
Experimenting with playing instruments in different ways.	Creating a simple graphic score to represent a composition.	Using letter name and graphic notation to represent the details of their composition.
	Beginning to make improvements to their work as suggested by the teacher.	Beginning to suggest improvements to their own work.

Composing

Year 3		Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Composing a piece of music in a g with voices and instruments (Bat Indian Classical, Jazz, Swing).		ng a coherent piece of music in a le with voices, bodies and nts.	Composing a detailed piece of music from a given stimulus with voices, bodies and instruments (Remix, Colours, Stories, Drama).	Improvising coherently and creatively within a given style, incorporating given features.
Combining melodies and rhythms a multi-layered composition in a good (pentatonic).		g to improvise musically within a le.	Improvising coherently within a given style.	Composing a multi-layered piece of music from a given stimulus with voices, bodies and Instruments.
*Using letter name and rhythmic (graphic or staff), and key musica to label and record their composi	notation transposi	ng melodies using rhythmic variation, tion, inversion, and looping.	*Combining rhythmic patterns (ostinato) into a multi-layered composition using all the inter-related dimensions of music to add musical interest.	Composing an original song, incorporating lyric writing, melody writing and the composition of accompanying features, within a given structure.
*Suggesting and implementing in to their own work, using musical	*Creating different provements vocabulary. *Using lei notation and recoil	g a piece of music with at least four layers and a clear structure. Itter name, graphic and rhythmic and key musical vocabulary to label and their compositions. In gimprovements to others' work, sical vocabulary.	Using staff notation to record rhythms and melodies. *Selecting, discussing and refining musical choices both alone and with others, using musical vocabulary with confidence. Suggesting and demonstrating improvements to own and others' work.	*Developing melodies using rhythmic variation, transposition and changes in dynamics, pitch and texture. Recording own composition using appropriate forms of notation and/or technology and incorporating. *Constructively critique their own and others' work, using musical vocabulary.

Progression of skills

Performing

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2
Using their voices to join in with well-known songs from memory.	Using their voices expressively to speak and chant.	*Using their voices expressively when singing, including the use of basic dynamics (loud and quiet).
Remembering and maintaining their role within a group performance.	Singing short songs from memory, maintaining the overall shape of the melody and keeping in time.	Singing short songs from memory, with melodic and rhythmic accuracy.
Moving to music with instruction to perform actions.	Maintaining the pulse (play on the beat) using hands, and tuned and untuned instruments.	Copying longer rhythmic patterns on untuned percussion instruments, keeping a steady pulse.
Participating in performances to a small audience.	Copying back short rhythmic and melodic phrases on percussion instruments.	*Performing expressively using dynamics and timbre to alter sounds as appropriate.
Stopping and starting playing at the right time.	*Responding to simple musical instructions such as tempo and dynamic changes as part of a class performance.	Singing back short melodic patterns by ear and playing short melodic patterns from letter notation.
	Performing from graphic notation.	

Performing

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Singing songs in a variety of musical styles with accuracy and control, demonstrating developing vocal technique.	*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 songs in two or more parts, in a variety of musical styles from memory, with accuracy, fluency, control and expression.	Singing songs in two or more secure parts from memory, with accuracy, fluency, control and expression.
Singing and playing in time with peers, with some degree of accuracy and awareness of their part in the group performance.	Singing and playing in time with peers with accuracy and awareness of their part in the group performance.	*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 the group.	*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.
*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.	Performing with accuracy and fluency from graphic and simple staff notation.	Performing a solo or taking a leadership role within a performance.
	Playing syncopated rhythms with accuracy, control and fluency.	Playing a simple chord progression with accuracy and fluency.	Performing with accuracy and fluency from graphic and staff notation and from their own notation.
			Performing by following a conductor's cues and directions.

The history of music (KS2 only)

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
has	derstanding that music from different times different features. In part of the Listening strand)	*Recognising and discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary. (Also part of the Listening strand)	*Confidently discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music and explaining how these have developed over time. (Also part of the Listening strand)	*Discussing musical eras in context, identifying how they have influenced each other, and discussing the impact of different composers on the development of musical styles. (Also part of the Listening strand)

Progression of knowledge

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2
Pitch	To understand that what 'high' and ' low' notes are.	To understand that pitch means how high or low a note sounds. To understand that 'tuned' instruments play more than one pitch of notes.	To know that some tuned instruments have a lower range of pitches and some have a higher range of pitches. To understand that a melody is made up from high and low pitched notes played one after the other, making a tune.
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.
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.
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. To understand that the pulse of music can change. To know that my voice, body and instruments can show fast and slow beats.

Progression of knowledge

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2
Timbre	To know that different instruments can sound like a particular character. To recognise that voices and instruments can imitate sounds from the world around us (eg. vehicles).	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.
Texture	To know that music often has more than one instrument being played at a time.	To know that music has layers called 'texture'.	To know that a graphic score can show a picture of the layers, or 'texture', of a piece of music.
Structure	To recognise the chorus in a familiar song.	To know that a piece of music can have more than one section, eg a versed and a chorus.	To understand that structure means the organisation of sounds within music, eg a chorus and verse pattern in a song.
Notation	To know that signals can tell us when to start or stop playing.	To understand that music can be represented by pictures or symbols.	To know that 'notation' means writing music down so that someone else can play it I know that a graphic score can show a picture of the structure and / or texture of music.

Progression of knowledge

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Pitch	To know that the group of pitches in a song is called its 'key' and that a key decides whether a song sounds happy or sad. To know that some traditional music around the world is based on five-notes called a 'pentatonic' scale. To understand that a pentatonic melody uses only the five notes C D E G A.	To know that a bass line is the lowest pitch line of notes in a piece of music, and a walking bassline (where patterns of notes go up then down again) is common in rock and roll. To know that a glissando in music means a sliding 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.	To understand that a minor key (pitch) can be used to make music sound sad. 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 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.	To know that the Solfa syllables represent the pitches in an octave. To understand that 'major' key signatures use note pitches that sound cheerful and upbeat. To understand that 'minor' key signatures use note pitches that can suggest sadness and tension. To know that a melody can be adapted by changing its pitch.
Duration	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. 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, a crotchet one whole beat and a minim two whole beats.
Dynamics	To know that the word 'crescendo' means a sound getting gradually louder.	To know that changing the dynamics of a musical phrase or motif can change the texture of a piece of music.	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.	To know that a melody can be adapted by changing its dynamics.
Tempo	N/A	To know that playing in time means all performers playing together at the same speed.	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.	To know that a melody can be adapted by changing its dynamics, pitch or tempo.

Progression of knowledge

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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 many types of music from around the world consist of more than one layer of sound; for example a 'tala' and 'rag' in traditional Indian music.	To know that combining different instruments and different rhythms when we compose can create layers of sound we call 'texture'. To understand that harmony means playing two notes at the same time, which usually sound good together.	To understand that a chord is the layering of several pitches played at the same time. To know that poly-rhythms means many rhythms played at once.	To understand that texture can be created by adding or removing instruments in a piece and can create the effect of dynamic change. To know that a 'counter-subject' or 'counter-melody' provides contrast to the main melody. To know that a counter-melody is different to harmony because it uses a different rhythm as well as complementary notes. To know that a 'polyphonic' texture means lots of individual melodies layered together, like in a canon.
Structure	To know that in a ballad, a 'stanza' means a verse. To know that music from different places often has different structural features, eg traditional Chinese music is based on the five-note pentatonic scale.	To know that deciding the structure of music when composing can help us create interesting music with contrasting sections. An ostinato is a musical pattern that is repeated over and over; a vocal ostinato is a pattern created with your voice. To understand that musical motifs (repeating patterns) are used as a building block in many well-known pieces of music	To know that a loop is a repeated rhythm or melody, and is another word for ostinato. To know that 12-bar Blues is a sequence of 12 bars of music, made up of three different chords.	To know that a chord progression is a sequence of chords that repeats throughout a song. To know that a canon is a musical structure or 'form' in which an opening melody is imitated by one or more parts coming in one by one. To know that a 'theme' in music is the main melody and that 'variations' are when this melody has been changed in some way. To know that ground bass is a repeating melody played on a bass instrument in Baroque music.
Notation	To understand that 'reading' music means using how the written note symbols look and their position to know what notes to play.	To know that 'performance directions' are words added to music notation to tell the performers how to play.	To know that simple pictures can be used to represent the structure (organisation) of music. To understand that in written staff notation, notes can go on or between lines, and that the lines	To know that 'graphic notation' means writing music down using your choice of pictures or symbols but 'staff notation' means music written more formally on the special lines called 'staves'. To know that chord progressions are represented in music by Roman numerals.