

EYFS Curriculum Progression

Expressive Arts & Design - Music

In Early Years we value Music as an important part of the children's entitlement to a broad and balanced curriculum. Music provides the children with the opportunities to develop and extend skills and an opportunity to express their individual interests, thoughts and ideas. Teaching in the Early Years Foundation Stage is underpinned by the Characteristics of Effective Learning.

Music is an integral and well-resourced part of life in Early Years. We aim for music sessions to be fun and inspiring, engaging the children with songs, lyrics and movement. Music allows our children to feel reflective and expressive, developing their own appreciation of music with the opportunities that we provide. Music is planned in-line with the development matters statements along with cross curricular links to their own interests. Through our music session children are actively involved in a wide range of musical opportunities. Children develop their singing voices, using body percussion and whole body actions, and learning to handle and play suitable instruments effectively to create and express their own and others' music. Through a range of group sessions children have opportunities to explore sounds, listen actively, compose and perform.

Implementation:	Learning experiences	Key vocabulary & what	Development Matters in the EYFS
		children need to know	
Caterpillars	Nursery Rhymes/Singing:	Loud, soft, quiet, fast, slow,	show attention to sounds and music.
Nursery 2 year	Group sessions, encouraging children to join in singing favourite	high, low, whisper, shout,	show attention to sounds and music.
old Provision	songs. Repeating familiar songs. Use Makaton alongside songs to	sing, in time, quick, tap,	Respond emotionally and physically to
	encourage participation and understanding. Voices foundation.	bang, shake, move, stretch, jump, wave, clap, stamp,	music when it changes.
	Movement & Dance:	twist, wiggle, beat, dance,	Move and dance to music.
	Teach actions to songs, provide opportunities to express	start and stop.	
	themselves through music and dance. Explore movement in time to music.	Teach instrument names.	Anticipate phrases and actions in rhymes and songs, like 'Peepo'.
	Rhythm & Pulse:		Explore their voices and enjoy making
	Create and explore sounds and how they can be changed by banging, shaking, tapping instruments.		sounds.
	3 - 1 - 3		Join in with songs and rhymes, making

	Pitch & Tone: Explore how instruments and voices can sound and be changed. Repeat familiar songs and teach different ways to change sounds (loud, soft, slow and fast)		some sounds. Make rhythmical and repetitive sounds. Explore a range of sound makers and instruments and play them in different ways.
Butterflies	Nursery rhymes/singing:	Loud, soft, quiet, fast, slow,	Listen with increased attention to sounds.
Preschool	During group times, join in dancing and ring games. Teach familiar	high, low, whisper, shout,	
provision	songs, encouraging participation. Voices foundation.	sing, in time, quick, tap,	Respond to what they have heard,
		bang, shake, move, stretch,	expressing their thoughts and feelings.
	Movement & Dance:	jump, wave, clap, stamp,	
	Encouraged to join in with actions to familiar songs, opportunities to move rhythmically to a range of music.	twist, wiggle, beat, dance, start and stop.	Remember and sing entire songs.
		Teach instrument names.	Sing the pitch of a tone sung by another
	Rhythm & Pulse:	Rhythm, pulse, sound, listen,	person ('pitch match').
	Musical instruments provided during group sessions. Focus on	hear, repeat,	
	listening for the rhythm and repeat by banging, tapping, shaking		Sing the melodic shape
	etc.		(moving melody, such as up and down,
			down and up) of familiar songs.
	Pitch and Tone:		
	Exploring how sounds can change using voice and instruments,		Create their own songs or improvise a song
	focussing on how the sounds are made and changed.		around one they know.
			Play instruments with increasing control to
			express their feelings and ideas.
Holly Class	Nursery Rhymes/singing:	Loud, soft, quiet, fast, slow,	Listen attentively, move to and talk about
Reception	Teach new songs, Voices foundation. Promote confidence through	high, low, whisper, shout,	music, expressing their feelings and
	solo singing and group participation.	sing, in time, quick, tap,	responses.
		bang, shake, move, stretch,	1,,,,,
	Movement & Dance:	jump, wave, clap, stamp,	Watch and talk about dance and
	Teach new ring games, dances. Encourage children to explore their	twist, wiggle, beat, dance,	performance art, expressing their feelings
	own movements and ways in which they can be changed.	start and stop.	and responses.

Rhythm & Pulse:

Explore sounds of instruments and how these can be changed. Encourage repeated rhythms, listening to the beat in music and responding to changes in tempo and volume.

Pitch & Tone:

During singing sessions, explore how the voice can be changed. Spoken, whispered, sang... Voices foundation.

Teach instrument names. Rhythm, pulse, sound, listen, hear, repeat, Voice, change, Loud, louder, loudest, Quiet, quieter, quietest etc...

Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody.

Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups.

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Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and (when appropriate) try to move in time with music.