

	Composing	Performing	Listening	Interrelated Dimensions of Music	History of Music
EYFS	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 playing instruments in different ways.	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 small audience. Stopping and starting playing at the right time.	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. Understanding that different instruments make different sounds and grouping them accordingly.	Pitch- To understand that what 'high' and 'low' notes are. Duration- To recognise that different sounds can be long or short. Dynamics- To understand that instruments can be played loudly or softly. 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. Timbre- To know that different instruments can sound like a particular character. Texture- To know that music often has more than one instrument being played at a time. Structure- To recognise the chorus in a familiar song. Notation- To know that signals can tell us when to start or stop playing	KS2 Only



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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

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.

Copying back short rhythmic and melodic phrases on percussion instruments.

Responding to simple musical instructions such as tempo and dynamic changes as part of a class performance.

Recognising and understanding the difference between pulse and rhythm.

Understanding that different types of sounds are called timbres. 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

Pitch- To understand that pitch means how high or low a note sounds. To understand that 'tuned' instruments play more than one pitch of notes.

Duration- To know that rhythm means a pattern of long and short notes.

Dynamics- To know that dynamics means how loud or soft a sound is. To understand that sounds can be adapted to change their mood, eq through dynamics.

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.

Timbre- To know that 'timbre' means the quality of a sound. To know that my voice can create different timbres to help tell a story.

Structure- To know that a piece of music can have more than one section.

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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 or more notes. Creating simple melodies from five or more notes. Choosing appropriate dynamics, tempo and timbre for a piece of music. Using letter name and graphic notation to represent the details of their composition. Beginning to suggest improvements to their own work 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 on untuned percussion on untuned percussion firstrumentation. Performing expressively using dynamics and timbre to alter sounds as appropriate. Singing back short melodic patterns be details of their composition. Beginning to suggest improvements to their own work when singing, including the use of basic dynamics (loud and quiet). Singing short songs from memory, with melodic and rhythmic patterns on untuned percussion instruments to the instruments to the named up from high an pitched notes played on other. Duration To know to dustry to describe music. Dynamics To know to steps. Listening to and recognising instrumentation. Suggesting melodies that move in steps. Listening to and recognising instruments average of pitches. To understand that a made up from high an instruments average of pitches. To understand that a made up from high and instruments aver	y	Notation- To understand that music can be represented by pictures or symbols.				
work music.	e tuned ange of ligher dy is we fter the a note, usic ffect a lat the can be rent sical create can be to based graphic of the	pictures or symbols. Pitch- 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. Duration- To know that 'duration' means how long a note, phrase or whole piece of music lasts. Dynamics- To know that dynamics can change the effect a sound has on the audience. Tempo- To understand that the tempo of a musical phrase can be changed to achieve a different effect. Timbre- 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 a graphic score can show a picture of the	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	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 steady pulse. Performing expressively using dynamics and timbre to alter sounds as appropriate. Singing back short melodic patterns by ear and playing short melodic	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. Choosing appropriate dynamics, tempo and timbre for a piece of music. Using letter name and graphic notation to represent the details of their composition. Beginning to suggest	Year 2
structure means the or	that	3 ,			·	



				chorus and verse pattern in a song. Notation- 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.	
Year 3	Composing a piece of music in a given style with voices and instruments Combining melodies and rhythms to compose a multilayered composition in a given style (pentatonic). Using letter name and rhythmic notation (graphic or staff), and key musical vocabulary to label and record their compositions. Suggesting and implementing improvements to their own work, using musical vocabulary	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. Performing from basic staff notation, incorporating rhythm and pitch and being able to identify these symbols using musical terminology.	Discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary 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.	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 fivenotes called a 'pentatonic' scale. To understand that a pentatonic melody uses only the five notes C D E G A. 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.	Understanding that music from different times has different features.
			Beginning to use musical vocabulary (related to the interrelated dimensions of music) when discussing improvements to their own and others' work.	Dynamics- To know that the word 'crescendo' means a sound getting gradually louder. Timbre- To understand that the timbre of instruments played affect the mood and style of a piece of music.	



				Texture- To know that many types of music from around the world consist of more than one layer of sound. Structure- To know that in a ballad, a 'stanza' means a verse. To know that music from different places often has different structural features. Notation- To understand that 'reading' music means using how the written note symbols look and their position to know what notes to play.	
Year 4	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 notation and key musical vocabulary to label	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. Playing melody parts on tuned instruments with accuracy and control and developing instrumental technique. Playing syncopated rhythms with accuracy, control and fluency.	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 Identifying common features between different genres, styles and traditions of music. Recognising, naming and explaining the effect of the interrelated dimensions of music.	Pitch- To know that a bass line is the lowest pitch line of notes in a piece of music. 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. Duration- 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.	Recognising and discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary.



and record their compositions.	Identifying scaled dynamics	Dynamics- To know that	
Suggesting improvements to	(crescendo/decrescendo) within a	changing the dynamics of a	
others' work, using musical	piece of music.	musical phrase or motif can	
vocabulary.	Using musical vocabulary to	change the texture of a piece of	
	discuss the purpose of a piece of	music.	
	music.	Tempo- To know that playing in	
		time means all performers playing	
	Using musical vocabulary (related	together at the same speed.	
	to the inter-related dimensions of	Timbre- To know that grouping	
	music) when discussing	instruments according to their	
	improvements to their own and	timbre can create contrasting	
	others' work.	'textures' in music.	
		To understand that both	
		instruments and voices can create	
		audio effects that describe	
		something you can see.	
		Texture- 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.	
		Structure- 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.	
		Notation- To know that	
		'performance directions' are	
		words added to music notation to	
		tell the performers how to play.	



Year 5

Composing a detailed piece of music from a given stimulus with voices, bodies and instruments

Improvising coherently within a given style.

Combining rhythmic patterns (ostinato) into a multi-layered composition using all the interrelated dimensions of music to add musical interest.

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.

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 the group.

Performing with accuracy and fluency from graphic and simple staff notation.

Playing a simple chord progression with accuracy and fluency.

Recognising and confidently discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary.

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.

Pitch- 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. To understand that varying effects can be created using only your voice.

Duration- To know that 'polyrhythms' 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.

Dynamics- To understand that varying effects can be created using only your voice, for example by changing the dynamics of sound.

Tempo- 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 tempo of the sounds made.

Confidently discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music and explaining how these have developed over time.



				Timbre- To understand that human voices have their own individual timbre, and that this can be adapted by using the voice in different ways. Texture- 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. Structure- 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. Notation- To understand that in written staff notation, notes can go on or between lines, and that the lines show the pitch of the note.	
Year 6	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.	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.	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).	Pitch- 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.	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.



Composing an original song, incorporating lyric writing, melody writing and the composition of accompanying features, within a given structure.

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.

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.

Performing by following a conductor's cues and directions.

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 interrelated dimensions of music) to discuss and evaluate their own and others work.

Duration- 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 know that a melody can be adapted by changing its dynamics.

Tempo- To know that a melody can be adapted by changing its dynamics, pitch or tempo.

Timbre- 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 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-melody is different to harmony because it uses a different rhythm as well as complementary notes.



Structure- To know that a chord progression is a sequence of chords that repeats throughout a song. To know that a 'theme' in music is the main melody and that 'variations' are when this melody has been changed in some way.
Notation- 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.