	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Unit title and social	Introducing Beat	Exploring simple	Developing notation	Interesting time	Getting started with	Developing melodic
theme	How can we make	patterns.	skills	signatures.	music tech	phrases
	friends when we sing	How does music help	How does music bring	How does music bring	How does music bring	How does music bring
	together?	us to make friends?	us closer together?	us together?	us together?	us together?
	Adding Rhythm and	Focus on Dynamics	Enjoying	Combining Elements	Emotions and musical	Understanding
	Pitch	and Tempo	improvisation	to make music	styles	structure and form
	How does music tell	How does music teach	What stories does	How does music	How does music	How does music
	stories about the	us about the past?	music tell us about the	connect us with our	connect us with our	connect us with our
	past?		past?	past?	past?	past?
		Exploring feelings				
	Introducing Tempo	through music	Composing using your	Developing pulse and	Exploring key and	Gaining confidence
	and Dynamics	How does music make	imagination	groove through	time signatures	through performance
	How does music make	the world a better	How does music make	improvisation	How does music	How does music
	the world a better	place?	the world a better	How does music	improve our world?	improve our world?
	place?		place?	improve our world?		
		Inventing a musical			Introducing chords	Exploring notation
	Combining Pulse,	story	Sharing musical	Creating simple	How does music teach	further
	Rhythm and Pitch	How does music teach	experiences	melodies together	us about our	How does music teach
	How does music help	us about the out	How does music help	How does music teach	community?	us about our
	us to understand our	neighbourhood?	us to get to know our	us about our		community?
	neighbours?		community?	community?	Words, meaning and	
		Music that makes you			expression	Using chords and
	Having Fun with	dance	Learning more about	Connecting notes and	How does music shape	structure
	Improvisation	How does music shape	Musical Styles	feelings	our way of life?	How does music shape
	What songs can we	our way of life?	How does music shape	How does music shape		our way of life?
	sing to help us		our way of life?	our way of life?	Identifying important	
	through the day?	Exploring			musical elements	Respecting each other
		improvisation	Recognising different	Purpose, identity and	How does music	through composition
	Explore Sound and	How does music	sounds	expression in Music.	connect us with the	How does music
	Create a Story	connect us with the			environment?	connect us with the
	_	environment?				environment?

	How does music		How does music	How does music		
	connect us with the		connect us with the	connect us with the		
	environment?		environment?	environment?		
Musicianship	> Use body	> Use body	> Use body	> Use body	> Use body	> Use body
	percussion,	percussion,	percussion,	percussion,	percussion,	percussion,
	instruments and	instruments and	instruments and	instruments and	instruments and	instruments and
	voices. In the key	voices.	voices.	voices.	voices.	voices.
	centres of: C major, F	> In the key centres of:				
	major, G major and A	C major, G major and	C major, F major, G	C major, F major, G	C major, G major, D	C major, G major, D
	minor.	A minor.	major and A minor.	major and A minor.	major, F major and A	major, A minor and D
	> Find and keep a	> Find and keep a	In the time signatures	In the time signatures	minor. In the time	minor.
	steady beat together.	steady beat.	of: 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4.	of: 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4.	signatures of: 2/4, 3/4,	> In the time
	> Understand the	> Copy back simple	> Find and keep a	> Find and keep a	4/4, 5/4 and 6/8. >	signatures of: 2/4, 3/4,
	difference between	rhythmic patterns	steady beat.	steady beat.	Find and keep a	4/4, 5/4 and 6/8. Find
	creating a rhythm	using long and short.	> Copy back and	> Listen and copy	steady beat.	and keep a steady
	pattern and a pitch	> Copy back simple	improvise simple	rhythmic patterns	> Listen and copy	beat.
	pattern.	melodic patterns using	rhythmic patterns	made of semibreves,	rhythmic patterns	> Listen and copy
	> Copy back simple	high and low.	using minims,	minims, dotted	made of dotted	rhythmic patterns
	rhythmic patterns	> Complete vocal	crotchets, quavers and	crotchets, crotchets,	minims, minims,	made of minims,
	using long and short.	warm-ups with a copy	their rests.	quavers, semiquavers	dotted crotchets,	dotted crotchets,
	> Copy back simple	back option to use	> Copy back and	and their rests, by ear	crotchets, dotted	crotchets, dotted
	melodic patterns using	Solfa.	improvise simple	or from notation.	quavers, triplet	quavers, triplet
	high and low.	> Sing short phrases	melodic patterns using	> Copy back melodic	quavers, quavers,	quavers, quavers,
	> Complete vocal	independently	the notes:	patterns using the	semiquavers and their	semiquavers and their
	warm-ups with a copy		C, D, E	notes:	rests, by ear or from	rests, by ear or from
	back option to use		G, A, B	C, D, E	notation.	notation.
	Solfa.		F, G, A	C, D, E, G, A	> Copy back melodic	> Copy back melodic
			А, В, С	G, A, B G, A, B, D, E	patterns using the	patterns using the
				F, G, A	notes:	notes:
				A, B, C, D, E, F, G	C, D, E	D, E, F, G, A
					C, D, E, F, G, A,	C, D, E, F, G, A, B
					B D, E, F♯, G, A	G, A, B, C, D, E, F♯
					A, B, C, D, E, F♯, G	D, E, F♯, G, A, B, C♯

					F, G, A, Bb, C, D, E G,	A, B, C, D, E, F, G
					A, B, C, D, E, F♯	
Listening	> Move and dance	> Mark the beat of a	> Share your thoughts	> Talk about the	> Talk about feelings	> Talk about feelings
	with the music.	listening piece (eg	and feelings about the	words of a song.	created by the music.	created by the music.
	> Find the steady beat.	Boléro by Ravel) by	music together.	> Think about why the	> Justify a personal	> Justify a personal
	> Talk about feelings	tapping or clapping	> Find the beat or	song or piece of music	opinion with reference	opinion with reference
	created by the music.	and recognising	groove of the music.	was written.	to Musical Elements.	to Musical Elements.
	> Recognise some	tempo, as well as	> Walk, move or clap a	> Find and	> Find and	> Identify 2/4, 4/4,
	band and orchestral	changes in tempo.	steady beat with	demonstrate the	demonstrate the	3/4, 6/8 and 5/4.
	instruments.	> Walk in time to the	others, changing the	steady beat.	steady beat.	> Identify the musical
	> Describe tempo as	beat of a piece of	speed of the beat as	> Identify 2/4, 3/4,	> Identify 2/4, 3/4, 6/8	style of a song using
	fast or slow.	music.	the tempo of the	and 4/4 metre.	and 5/4 metre.	some musical
	> Describe dynamics	> Identify the beat	music changes.	> Identify the tempo	> Identify the musical	vocabulary to discuss
	as loud and quiet.	groupings in the music	> Invent different	as fast, slow or steady.	style of a song or	its Musical Elements.
	> Join in sections of	you sing and listen, eg	actions to move in	> Recognise the style	piece of music.	Identify the following
	the song, e.g. chorus.	2-time, 3-time etc.	time with the music.	of music you are	> Identify instruments	instruments by ear
	> Begin to understand	> Move and dance	> Talk about what the	listening to.	by ear and through a	and through a range
	where the music fits in	with the music	song or piece of music	> Discuss the	range of media.	of media: bass guitar,
	the world.	confidently.	means.	structures of songs.	> Discuss the structure	electric guitar,
	> Begin to understand	> Talk about how the	> Identify some	> Identify: • Call and	of the music with	percussion, sections of
	about different styles	music makes you feel.	instruments you can	response • A solo	reference to verse,	the orchestra such as
	of music.	> Find different steady	hear playing.	vocal or instrumental	chorus, bridge, repeat	brass, woodwind and
		beats.	> Identify if it's a male	line and the rest of the	signs, chorus and final	strings, electric organ,
		> Describe tempo as	or female voice	ensemble • A change	chorus, improvisation,	congas, pianos and
		fast or slow.	singing the song.	in texture •	call and response, and	synthesizers, and
		> Describe dynamics	> Talk about the style	Articulation on certain	AB form.	vocal techniques such
		as loud or quiet.	of the music.	words • Programme	> Explain a bridge	as scat singing.
		> Join in sections of		music	passage and its	> Discuss the structure
		the song, eg call and		> Explain what a main	position in a song.	of the music with
		response.		theme is and identify	> Recall by ear	reference to verse,
		> Start to talk about		when it is repeated.	memorable phrases	chorus, bridge and an
		the style of a piece of		> Know and	heard in the music.	instrumental break.
		music.		understand what a		

> Recognise some	musical introduction is	> Identify major and	> Explain a bridge
band and orchestral	and its purpose.	minor tonality.	passage and its
instruments.	> Recall by ear	> Recognise the sound	position in a song.
> Start to talk about	memorable phrases	and notes of the	> Recall by ear
where music might fit	heard in the music.	pentatonic and Blues	memorable phrases
into the world.	Identify major and	scales, by ear and	heard in the music.
	minor tonality.	from notation.	Identify major and
	> Recognise the sound	> Explain the role of a	minor tonality, chord
	and notes of the	main theme in musical	triads I, IV and V, and
	pentatonic scale by	structure.	intervals within a
	ear and from notation.	> Know and	major scale.
	> Describe legato and	understand what a	> Explain the role of a
	staccato.	musical introduction is	main theme in musical
	> Recognise the	and its purpose.	structure.
	following styles and	> Explain rapping.	> Know and
	any important musical	Recognise the	understand what a
	features that	following styles and	musical introduction
	distinguish the style:	any key musical	and outro is, and its
	20th and 21st Century	features that	purpose.
	Orchestral, Reggae,	distinguish the style:	> Identify the sound of
	Soul, R&B, Pop, Folk,	20th and 21st Century	a Gospel choir and
	Jazz, Disco, Musicals,	Orchestral, Gospel,	soloist, Rock band,
	Classical, Rock,	Pop, Minimalism, Rock	symphony orchestra
	Gospel, Romantic,	n' Roll, South African,	and A Cappella
	Choral, Funk and	Contemporary Jazz,	groups.
	Electronic Dance	Reggae, Film Music,	> Recognise the
	Music.	Hip Hop, Funk,	following styles and
		Romantic and	any key musical
		Musicals.	features that
			distinguish the style:
			20th and 21st Century
			, Orchestral, Soul, Pop,
			Hip Hop, Jazz: Swing,

						Rock, Disco, Romantic, Zimbabwean Pop, R&B, Folk, Gospel, Salsa, Reggae, Musicals and Film Music.
Singing	 > Sing, rap, rhyme, chant and use spoken word. > Demonstrate good singing posture. > Sing songs from memory. > Copy back intervals of an octave and fifth (high, low). > Sing in unison. 	 > Sing as part of a choir. > Demonstrate good singing posture. > Sing songs from memory and/or from notation. > Sing to communicate the meaning of the words. > Sing in unison and sometimes in parts, and with more pitching accuracy. > Understand and follow the leader or conductor. > Add actions to a song. > Move confidently to a steady beat. > Talk about feelings created by the music/song. > Recognise some band and orchestral instruments. 	 > Sing as part of a choir. > Sing a widening range of unison songs, of varying styles and structures. > Demonstrate good singing posture. > Perform actions confidently and in time to a range of action songs. > Sing songs from memory and/or from notation. > Sing with awareness of following the beat. > Sing with attention to clear diction. > Sing expressively, with attention to the meaning of the words. > Sing in unison. > Understand and follow the leader or conductor. 	 > Rehearse and learn songs from memory and/or with notation. > Sing in different time signatures: 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4. > Sing as part of a choir with awareness of size: the larger, the thicker and richer the musical texture. > Demonstrate good singing posture. > Demonstrate vowel sounds, blended sounds and consonants. > Sing 'on pitch' and 'in time'. > Sing expressively, with attention to breathing and phrasing. > Sing expressively, with attention to staccato and legato. 	 > Rehearse and learn songs from memory and/or with notation. > Sing in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4 and 6/8 time. > Sing in unison and parts, and as part of a smaller group. > Sing 'on pitch' and 'in time'. > Sing a second part in a song. > Self-correct if lost or out of time. > Sing expressively, with attention to breathing and phrasing. > Sing expressively, with attention to dynamics and articulation. > Develop confidence as a soloist. > Talk about the different styles of singing used for 	 > Rehearse and learn songs from memory and/or with notation. > Sing a broad range of songs as part of a choir, including those that involve syncopated rhythms, with a good sense of ensemble and performance. This should include observing rhythm, phrasing, accurate pitching and appropriate style. > Continue to sing in parts where appropriate. > Sing in 2/4, 4/4, 3/4, 5/4 and 6/8. > Sing with and without an accompaniment. > Sing syncopated melodic patterns.

		 > Describe tempo as fast or slow. Join in sections of the song, eg chorus. > Begin to understand where the music fits in the world. > Begin to talk about and understand the style of the music. > Know the meaning of dynamics (loud/quiet) and tempo (fast/slow), and be able to demonstrate these when singing by responding to (a) the leader's directions and (b) visual symbols (eg crescendo, decrescendo, pause). 	> Copy back simple melodic phrases using the voice.	 > Talk about the different styles of singing used for different styles of song. > Talk about how the songs and their styles connect to the world. 	different styles of song. > Talk confidently about how connected you feel to the music and how it connects in the world. > Respond to a leader or conductor.	 > Demonstrate and maintain good posture and breath control whilst singing. > Sing expressively, with attention to breathing and phrasing. > Sing expressively, with attention to dynamics and articulation. > Lead a singing rehearsal. > Talk about the different styles of singing used for the different styles of songs sung in this year. > Discuss with others how connected you are to the music and songs, and how the songs and styles are connected to the world
						world.
Notation	 Explore ways of representing high and low sounds, and long and short sounds, using symbols and any 	 Explore ways of representing high and low sounds, and long and short sounds, using symbols and any 	 Explore ways of representing high and low sounds, and long and short sounds, using symbols and any 	 > Explore ways of representing high and low sounds, and long and short sounds, using symbols and any 	 Explore ways of representing high and low sounds, and long and short sounds, using symbols and any 	 > Explore ways of representing high and low sounds, and long and short sounds, using symbols and any

appropriate means of	appropriate means of	appropriate means of	appropriate means of	appropriate means of	appropriate means of
notation.	notation.	notation.	notation.	notation.	notation.
> If appropriate:	> Explore standard	> Explore standard	> Explore standard	> Explore standard	> Explore standard
explore standard	notation, using	notation, using	notation, using	notation, using	notation, using dotted
notation, using	crotchets, quavers,	minims, semibreves,	semibreves, minims,	minims, dotted	semibreves, dotted
crotchets, quavers and	minims and	dotted crotchets,	dotted crotchets,	crotchets, crotchets,	minims, minims,
minims, and simple	semibreves, and	crotchets, quavers and	crotchets, guavers and	quavers and	triplet crotchets,
combinations of:	simple combinations	semiquavers, and	semiguavers, and	semiguavers, and	dotted crotchets,
C, D, E, F, G	of:	simple combinations	simple combinations	simple combinations	crotchets, dotted
F, G, A	C, D, E, F, G, A, B	of:	of:	of:	quavers, quavers and
G, B, D	G, A, B, C, D, E, F♯	C, D, E, F, G, A, B	C, D, E, F, G, A, B	C, D, E, F, G, A, B	semiguavers, and
C, E, F♯, G, A	F, G, A, B♭, C, D, E	F, G, A, Bb, C	F, G, A, Bb, C	F, G, A, Bb, C, D, E	simple combinations
D, A, C	A, B, C, D, E	G, A, B, C, D, E	G, A, B, C, D, E, F♯	G, A, B, C, D, E, F♯ C,	of:
0,7,,0	> Identify hand signals	E, F♯, G♯, A, B	D, E, F♯, G, A, B, C	G, Ab, Bb	C, D, E, F, G, A, B
	as notation, and	> Read and respond to	> Read and respond to	G, G♯, A, B♭, C D, E, F,	F, G, A, Bb, C, D, E
	recognise music	semibreves, minims,	semibreves, minims,	G, A, B, C	F, G, Ab, Bb, C, D, Eb
	notation on a stave of	crotchets and paired	dotted crotchets,	ЕЬ, F, G, AЬ, BЬ, C, DЬ	G, A, Bb, C, D, E, F G,
	five lines.	quavers.	crotchets, quavers and	Identify: • Stave •	A, B, C, D, E, F♯ D, E, F,
		> Identify: • Stave •	semiguavers. Identify:	Treble clef • Time	G, A
		Treble clef • Time	• Stave • Treble clef •	signature	D, E, F♯, A, B, C♯ E, F♯,
		signature • Lines and	Time signature	> Read and respond to	G, G♯, A, B, C, C♯ E♭, F,
		spaces on the stave	> Identify and	minims, crotchets,	G, Ab, Bb, C, D
		> Identify and	understand the	quavers, dotted	> Identify: • Stave •
		understand the	differences between	quavers and	Treble clef • Time
		differences between	minims, crotchets,	semiquavers.	signature
		crotchets and paired	paired quavers and	> Recognise how	Read and respond to
		quavers.	rests.	notes are grouped	minims, crotchets,
		> Apply spoken word	> Read and perform	when notated.	quavers, dotted
		to rhythms,	pitch notation within a	> Identify the stave	quavers and
		understanding how to	range.	and symbols on the	semiquavers.
		link each syllable to	> Follow and perform	stave (such as the	> Recognise how
		one musical note.	simple rhythmic	treble clef), the name	notes are grouped
			scores to a steady	of the notes on lines	when notated.

Playing instruments	> Rehearse and learn	> Rehearse and learn	> Rehearse and learn	beat: maintain individual parts accurately within the rhythmic texture, achieving a sense of ensemble.	and in spaces, barlines, a flat sign and a sharp sign. > Further understand the differences between semibreves, minims, crotchets and crotchet rests, paired quavers and semiquavers. > Understand the differences between 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4 time signatures. > Read and perform pitch notation within an octave (eg C- C'/do-do). > Rehearse and learn	Identify the stave and symbols on the stave (such as the treble clef), the name of the notes on lines and in spaces, barlines, a flat sign and a sharp sign.
	to play a simple melodic instrumental	to play a simple melodic instrumental	to play a simple melodic instrumental	to play a simple melodic instrumental	to play a simple melodic instrumental	to play one of four differentiated
	part by ear or from	part by ear or from	part by ear or from	part by ear or from	part by ear or from	instrumental parts by
	simple notation, in C major, F major, D	notation, in C major, F major and G major.	notation, in C major, F major, G major and E	notation, in C major, F major, G major and D	notation, in C major, F major, G major, Eb	ear or from notation, in the tonal centres of
	major and D minor.		major.	major.	major, C minor and D	C major, F major, G
			> Develop facility in		minor.	major, D major, E
			playing tuned		> Play melodies on	major, A major, Eb
			percussion or a		tuned percussion,	major, D minor and F
			melodic instrument,		melodic instruments	minor.
			such as a violin or		or keyboards,	> Play a melody
			recorder		following staff	following staff
					notation written on	notation written on
					one stave and using	one stave and using

					notes within the middle C–C'/do–do range. This should initially be done as a whole class, with greater independence gained each lesson through smaller group performance.	notes within an octave range (do–do); make decisions about dynamic range, including very loud (fortissimo), very quiet (pianissimo), moderately loud (mezzo forte) and moderately quiet (mezzo piano).
Improvising	 > Explore improvisation within a major and minor scale using the notes: C, D, E D, E, A F, G, A D, F, G > Improvise simple vocal patterns using 'Question and Answer' phrases. > Understand the difference between creating a rhythm pattern. 	 > Explore improvisation within a major scale using the notes: C, D, E C, G, A G, A, B F, G, A > Work with a partner and in the class to improvise simple 'Question and Answer' phrases, to be sung and played on untuned percussion, creating a musical conversation. 	 > Explore improvisation within a major scale using the notes: C, D, E C, D, E, F, G C, D, E, G, A G, A, B G, A, B, D, E G, A, B, C, D F, G, A F, G, A, C, D > Become more skilled in improvising (using voices, tuned and untuned percussion, and instruments played in wholeclass/group/indi vidual/instrumental teaching), inventing short 'on-the-spot' 	 > Explore improvisation within a major scale using the notes: C, D, E C, D, E, G, A C, D, E, G, A C, D, E, F, G D, E, F, A, B D, E, F, G, A > Improvise on a limited range of pitches on the instrument you are now learning, making use of musical features, including smooth (legato) and detached (staccato) articulation. > Improvise over a simple chord progression. 	 > Explore improvisation within a major scale, using the notes: C, D, Eb, F, G C, D, E, F, G C, D, E, G, A F, G, A, Bb, C D, E, F, G, A > Improvise over a simple groove, responding to the beat and creating a satisfying melodic shape. > Experiment with using a wider range of dynamics, including very loud (fortissimo), very quiet (pianissimo), moderately loud 	 > Explore improvisation within a major scale, using the notes: C, D, E, F, G G, A, Bb, C, D G, A, B, C, D F, G, A, C, D > Improvise over a groove, responding to the beat, creating a satisfying melodic shape with varied dynamics and articulation.

			responses using a	> Improvise over a	(mezzo forte) and	
			limited note-range.	groove.	moderately quiet	
			> Compose over a		(mezzo piano).	
			simple groove.			
			> Compose over a			
			drone.			
			> Structure musical			
			ideas (eg using echo or			
			'Question and Answer'			
			phrases) to create			
			music that has a			
			beginning, middle and			
			end			
Composing	> Explore and create	> Explore and create	> Create music and/or	> Combine known	> Create music in	> Plan and compose
	graphic scores	graphic scores: Create	sound effects in	rhythmic notation	response to music and	an 8 or 16-beat
	> Create musical	musical sound effects	response to music and	with letter names, to	video stimulus.	melodic phrase, using
	sound effects and	and short sequences	video stimulus.	create short,	> Use music	the pentatonic scale
	short sequences of	of sounds in response	> Use music	pentatonic phrases	technology, if	(eg C, D, E, G, A), and
	sounds in response to	to music and video	technology, if	using a limited range	available, to capture,	incorporate rhythmic
	music and video	stimulus.	available, to capture,	of five pitches,	change and combine	variety and interest.
	stimulus.	> Use graphic symbols,	change and combine	suitable for the	sounds.	> Play this melody on
	> Create a story,	dot notation and stick	sounds.	instruments being	> Start to use	available tuned
	choosing and playing	notation, as	> Compose over a	learnt.	structures within	percussion and/or
	classroom instruments	appropriate, to keep a	simple chord	> Compose over a	compositions, eg	orchestral
	and/or sound makers.	record of composed	progression.	simple chord	introduction, multiple	instruments.
	> Recognise how	pieces.	> Compose over a	progression.	verse and chorus	> Notate this melody.
	graphic notation can	> Create a story,	simple groove.	> Compose over a	sections, AB form or	Either of these
	represent created	choosing and playing	> Compose over a	groove.	ABA form (ternary	melodies can be
	sounds.	classroom	drone.	> Create music in	form).	enhanced with
	> Explore and invent	instruments.	> Start to use simple	response to music and	> Use chords to	rhythmic or simple
	your own symbols.	> Create and perform	structures within	video stimulus.	compose music to	chordal
	> Use music	your own rhythm	compositions, eg	> Use music	evoke a specific	accompaniment.
	technology, if	patterns with stick		technology, if	atmosphere, mood or	

available, to capture,	notation, including	introduction, verse,	available, to capture,	environment. Use	> Create a simple
change and combine	crotchets, quavers and	chorus or AB form.	change and combine	simple dynamics.	chord progression.
sounds.	minims.	> Use simple	sounds.	> Use rhythmic	> Compose a ternary
> Use simple notation	> Use music	dynamics.	> Start to use simple	variety.	(ABA form) piece; use
if appropriate:	technology, if	> Compose song	structures within	> Compose song	available music
> Create a simple	available, to capture,	accompaniments on	compositions, eg	accompaniments,	software/apps to
melody using	change and combine	tuned and untuned	introduction, verse,	perhaps using basic	create and record it,
crotchets and minims:	sounds.	percussion, using	chorus or AB form.	chords.	discussing how
C, D	> Use notation if	known rhythms and	> Use simple	> Use a wider range of	musical contrasts are
C, D, E	appropriate:	note values.	dynamics.	dynamics, including	achieved.
C, D, E, F	> Create a simple	> Create a simple	> Compose song	fortissimo (very loud),	> Create music in
C, D, E, F, G	melody using	melody using	accompaniments on	pianissimo (very	response to music and
Start and end on the	crotchets and minims:	crotchets, minims and	tuned and untuned	quiet), mezzo forte	video stimulus.
note C	C, D	perhaps paired	percussion, using	(moderately loud) and	> Use music
	C, D, E	quavers:	known rhythms and	mezzo piano	technology, if
F, G	C, D, E, F	C, D	note values.	(moderately quiet).	available, to capture,
F, G, A	C, D, E, F, G	C, D, E	> Create a melody	> Use full scales in	change and combine
F, G, A, C	Start and end on the	C, D, E, G	using crotchets,	different keys.	sounds.
F, G, A, C, D	note C (C major)	C, D, E, G, A	minims, quavers and	> Understand how	> Start to use
Start and end on the		Start and end on the	their rests.	chord triads are	structures within
note F	G, A	note C (Pentatonic on	> Use a pentatonic	formed and play them	compositions, eg
	G, A, B	C)	scale:	on tuned percussion,	introduction, multiple
D, F D, F, G	G, A, B, D		C, D	melodic instruments	verse and chorus
D, F, G, A	G, A, B, D, E	C, D	C, D, E	or keyboards.	sections, AB form or
D, F, G, A, C	Start and end on the	C, D, E	C, D, E, G	> Perform simple,	ABA form (ternary
Start and end on the	note G (Pentatonic on	C, D, E, F	C, D, E, G, A	chordal	form).
note D	G)	C, D, E, F, G	Start and end on the	accompaniments.	> Use simple
		Start and end on the	note C (Pentatonic on	> Create a melody	dynamics.
	F, G	note C (C major)	C)	using crotchets,	> Use rhythmic
	F, G, A			quavers and minims,	variety.
	F, G, A, C	F, G	C, D C, D, E	and perhaps	> Compose song
	F, G, A, C, D	F, G, A	C, D, E, F	semibreves and	accompaniments,
		F, G, A, B♭	C, D, E, F, G		

Start and end on the	F, G, A, Bb, C	Start and end on the	semiquavers, plus all	perhaps using basic
note F (Pentatonic on	Start and end on the	note C (C major)	equivalent rests.	chords.
F)	note F (F major)		> Use a pentatonic	> Use a wider range of
		А, В	and a full scale.	dynamics, including
	G, A	A, B, C	> Use major and minor	fortissimo (very loud),
	G, A, B	A, B, C, D	tonality:	pianissimo (very
	G, A, B, D	A, B, C, D, E	F, G	quiet), mezzo forte
	G, A, B, D, E	Start and end on the	F, G, A	(moderately loud) and
	Start and end on the	note A (A minor)	F, G, A, Bb	mezzo piano
	note G (Pentatonic on	. ,	F, G, A, B♭, C	(moderately quiet).
	G)	D, E D, E, F	Start and end on the	> Use full scales in
		D, E, F, G	note F (F major)	different keys.
		D, E, F, G, A		> Create a melody
		Start and end on the	G, A	using crotchets,
		note D (D minor)	G, A, B	quavers and minims,
			G, A, B, C	and perhaps
		G, A	G, A, B, C, D	semibreves and
		G, A, B	Start and end on the	semiquavers, and all
		G, A, B, D	note G (G major)	equivalent rests.
		G, A, B, D, E		> Use a pentatonic
		Start and end on the	G, A	and a full scale.
		note G (Pentatonic on	G, A, B	> Use major and minor
		G)	G, A, B, D	tonality:
			G, A, B, D, E	C, D
			Start and end on the	C, D, E
			note G (Pentatonic on	C, D, E, F
			G)	C, D, E, F, G
				Start and end on the
			D, E	note C (C major)
			D, E, F	
			D, E, F, G	G, A
			D, E, F, G, A	G, A, B
				G, A, B, D

					Start and end on the note D (D minor) Eb, F Eb, F, G Eb, F, G, Bb Eb, F, G, Bb, C Start and end on the note Eb (Eb major)	G, A, B, D, E Start and end on the note G (Pentatonic on G) D, E D, E, F D, E, F, G D, E, F, G D, E, F, G, A Start and end on the note D (D minor) F, G F, G, A F, G, A, C F, G, A, C F, G, A, C, D Start and end on the note F (Pentatonic on F) F, G F, G, Ab F, G, Ab, Bb F, G, Ab, Bb F, G, Ab, Bb, C Start and end on the note F (F minor)
Performing	 > Enjoy and have fun performing. > Choose a song/songs to perform to a well- known audience. 	> Practise, rehearse and share a song that has been learned in the lesson, from memory or with	> Practise, rehearse and share a song that has been learned in the lesson, from memory or with	 Rehearse and enjoy the opportunity to share what has been learned in the lessons. Perform, with confidence, a song 	> Create, rehearse and present a holistic performance for a specific purpose, for a friendly but unknown audience.	> Create, rehearse and present a holistic performance for a specific event, for an unknown audience.

> Prepare a song to	notation, and with	notation, and with	from memory or using	> Perhaps perform in	> Perform a range of
perform.	confidence.	confidence.	notation.	smaller groups, as well	songs as a choir in
> Communicate the	> Decide on any	> Play and perform	> Play and perform	as the whole class.	school assemblies,
meaning of the song.	actions, instrumental	melodies following	melodies following	> Perform a range of	school performance
> Add actions to the	parts/improvisatory	staff notation, using a	staff notation, using a	repertoire pieces and	opportunities and to a
song.	ideas/composed	small range, as a	small range, as a	arrangements	wider audience.
> Play some simple	passages to be	whole class or in small	whole class or in small	combining acoustic	> Create, rehearse and
instrumental parts.	practised and included	groups.	groups.	instruments, to form	present a holistic
	in the performance.	> Include any actions,	> Include instrumental	mixed ensembles,	performance, with a
	> Talk about what the	instrumental	parts/improvisatory	including a school	detailed
	song means and why it	parts/improvisatory	sections/composed	orchestra.	understanding of the
	was chosen to share.	ideas/composed	passages within the	> Perform from	musical, cultural and
	> Talk about the	passages within the	rehearsal and	memory or with	historical contexts.
	difference between	rehearsal and in the	performance.	notation, with	> Perform from
	rehearsing a song and	performance.	> Explain why the song	confidence and	memory or with
	performing it	> Talk about what the	was chosen, including	accuracy.	notation.
	performing re	song means and why it	its composer and the	> Include instrumental	> Understand the
		was chosen to share.	historical and cultural	parts/improvisatory	value of
		> Reflect on feelings	context of the song.	sections/composed	choreographing any
		about sharing and	> Communicate the	passages within the	aspect of a
		performing, eg	meaning of the words	rehearsal and	performance.
		excitement, nerves,	and articulate them	performance.	> A student or a group
		enjoyment.	clearly.	> Explain why the song	of students rehearse
			> Use the structure of	was chosen, including	and lead parts of the
			the song to	its composer and the	performance.
			communicate its	historical and cultural	> Understand the
			mood and meaning in	context of the song.	importance of the
			the performance.	> A student leads part	performing space and
			> Talk about what the	of the rehearsal and	how to use it.
			rehearsal and	part of the	> Record the
			performance has	performance.	performance and
			taught the student.	> Record the	compare it to a
				performance and	previous performance.

	 > Understand how the individual fits within the larger group ensemble. > Reflect on the performance and how well it suited the occasion. > Discuss and respond to any feedback; consider how future performances might 	compare it to a previous performance; explain how well the performance communicated the mood of each piece. > Discuss and talk musically about the strengths and weaknesses of a performance. > Collect feedback	 > Collect feedback from the audience and reflect how the audience believed in the performance. > Discuss how the performance might change if it was repeated in a larger/smaller performance space.
	consider how future	performance.	•
		reflect how future performances might be different.	

Activity based Knowledge and skills by year group

Pulse / Beat / Metre

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Watch, follow, feel and move to a steady beat with others.	Watch and follow a steady beat.	Recognise and move in time with the beat.	Recognise and move in time with a steady beat.	Recognise and move in time with the changing speed of a steady beat.	Recognise and move in time with the changing speed of a steady beat.
	Find a steady beat.	Play the steady beat on	Play in time with a steady		
Find and enjoy moving to		percussion instruments.	beat and identify the	Play in time with a steady	Play in time with a steady
music in different ways.	Recognise the time		metres 2/4, 4/4 and 3/4.	beat and identify the	beat and identify the
	signature 4/4 by ear and	Recognise the 'strong'		metres 2/4, 4/4, 3/4, 5/4	metres 2/4, 4/4, 3/4, 6/8
Respond to the pulse in	notation.	beat.	Respond to the 'offbeat' or	and 6/8.	and 5/4.
recorded/live music			'backbeat'.		
through movement and	Understand that the speed	Play in time with a steady		Respond to the 'offbeat' or	Identify syncopation and
dance.	of the beat can change,	beat in 2/4, 4/4 and 3/4.		'backbeat'.	swing.
	creating a faster or slower pace (tempo).				

Rhythm

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Recognise and clap long sounds, short sounds and simple combinations. Perform short, copycat rhythm patterns accurately, led by the teacher. Perform short, repeating rhythm patterns (ostinati and riffs) while keeping in time with a steady beat.	Recognise long and short sounds, and match them to syllables and movement. Play copy back rhythms, copying a leader, and invent rhythms for others to copy on untuned and tuned percussion. Create rhythms using word phrases as a starting point.	Recognise by ear and notation: minims, crotchets, quavers and their rests. Copy simple rhythm patterns created from minims, crotchets, quavers and their rests. Create simple rhythm patterns by ear and using simple notation from minims, crotchets, quavers and their rests.	Recognise by ear and notation: • Semibreves, minims, crotchets, quavers and semiquavers • Dotted minims and dotted crotchets Copy simple rhythm patterns created from semibreves, minims, crotchets, quavers and rests. Create rhythm patterns by	Recognise by ear and notation: • Minims, dotted crotchets, crotchets, quavers and their rests Recognise by ear and notation: • 6/8 rhythm patterns • Dotted crotchets, triplet quavers, dotted quavers, quavers and their rests Recognise dotted rhythm in melodies.	Recognise by ear and notation: • Minims, crotchets, quavers, semiquavers and their rests Recognise by ear and notation: • 6/8 rhythm patterns • Dotted crotchets, triplet quavers, dotted triplet quavers, quavers and their rests Recognise by ear and notation: • 9/8 rhythm patterns • Dotted crotchets, triplet quavers and quaver notes and their rests
Perform word-pattern chants; create, retain and perform your own rhythm patterns.		Alternate between a steady beat and rhythm.	ear and using simple notation, which use semibreves, minims, crotchets and quavers.	Copy simple rhythm patterns using the above rhythms.	Recognise dotted rhythm in melodies.
			Understand and explain the difference between beat and rhythm. Recall the most memorable rhythms in a song or piece of music.	Create rhythm patterns by ear and using simple notation, which use the above rhythm patterns. Recall the most memorable rhythms in a song or piece of music.	Copy simple rhythm patterns using the above rhythms. Create rhythm patterns by ear and using simple notation, that use the above rhythm patterns. Recall the most memorable rhythms in a song or piece of

Pitch (Melody)

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Recognise, sing and play high and low-pitched notes. Explore singing and playing C, D, and E from the C major scale. Explore singing and playing F, G, and A from the F major scale.	Identify the high notes and low notes in a melody. Join in with part of a melody. Rehearse and play a simple instrumental melody as a part to go with a song. Identify the names of the notes on a glockenspiel: C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C.	 Show the shape of a melody as rising and falling in pitch. Learn to sing a melody by ear or from notation. Learn to rehearse and play a melodic instrumental part by ear or from notation. Identify the names of the pitched notes on a stave: C, D, E, F, F\$, G, A, B, Bb, C. 	Identify and explain what a melody is. Learn to sing and follow a melody by ear and from notation. Understand melodic movement up and down as pitch. Learn to play one or more of four differentiated melodic instrumental parts, by ear and from notation.	Identify and explain steps, jumps and leaps in the pitch of a melody. Learn to sing and follow a melody by ear and from notation. Learn to play one or more of four differentiated melodic instrumental parts by ear and from notation.	 Identify major and minor tonality by ear and from notation Learn to play one or more of four differentiated melodic instrumental parts, by ear and from notation. Identify the names of the pitched notes on a stave: C, D, E, Eb, F♯, G, A, B, Bb, C, C♯, D. Identify the following scales by ear or from notation: A minor, G major, D major, D minor, F major. Identify an interval of a major triad: 3rd, 5th. Identify an octave by ear or notation. Copy simple melodies by ear or from reading notation.
	Use body percussion, untuned and tuned percussion instruments with a song, and listen to how the sounds blend together. Identify and play by ear or notation notes in the tonality of C major.	Identify the scales of: C major G major F major Identify if a scale is major or minor. Copy simple melodies by ear or from reading notation. Create melodies by ear and notate them. Explore and play by ear or from notation: • Five-note scale • Pentatonic scale	Identify the names of the pitched notes on a stave: C, D, E, Eb, F≴, G, A, B, Bb, C, C\$, D. Identify the following scales by ear or from notation: C major, F major, G major, A minor. Copy simple melodies by ear or from reading notation. Create melodies by ear and notate them.	Identify the names of the pitched notes on a stave: C, D, E, Eb, F♯, G, A, B, Bb, C, C♯, D. Identify the following scales by ear or from notation: C major, F major, D minor, G major, Eb major, C minor. Copy simple melodies by ear or from reading notation.	Create melodies by ear and notate them. Use chords C, F, G and A minor by ear or from notation. Identify the tonal centres of: A minor, G major, D major, D minor, F major. Identify and demonstrate the following scales by ear and from notation: Major scale, minor scale, pentatonic scale, blues scale.

	Identify and talk about the	Create melodies by		
	way vocals are used in a	ear and notate them.		
	song.	car and notate trieffi.		
	song.	Add new chords II		
	Identify and evaluate			
	Identify and explain:	and VI from a given		
	Harmony: two or more	tonality.		
	notes heard at the same			
	time	Identify tone by ear		
	 Second part: a second 	or from notation.		
	musical part, usually a			
	melodic line, that creates	Identify intervals 3rd,		
	harmony.	5th and 7th.		
	Explore chords I, IV and V	Identify the tonal		
	in instrumental	centres of:		
	accompaniments.	C major and C minor,		
		F major, D minor and		
	Explore intervals of 3rd,	D major, Eb major.		
	5th and octaves.			
		Identify and		
	Identify the following	demonstrate the		
	tonal centres by ear or	following scales by		
	from notation:	ear and from		
	C major, F major, G major,	notation:		
	A minor.	major scale, minor		
	Identify and demonstrate	scale, pentatonic		
	a major and minor scale.	scale.		
	a major and minor scale.	Judiu.		

Tempo

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Recognise the difference between the speed of a steady beat, a fast beat and a slow beat.	Recognise the difference between the speed of a steady beat, a fast beat and a slow beat.	Recognise the difference between the speed of a steady beat, a fast beat and a slow beat.	Recognise the difference between the speed of a steady beat, a fast beat and a slow beat.	Recognise the difference between the speed of a steady beat, a fast beat and a slow beat.	Recognise the difference between the speed of a steady beat, a fast beat and a slow beat.
	Change the speed of a steady beat, moving from fast to slow, slow to fast.	Change the speed of a steady beat, moving from fast to slow, slow to fast.	Change the speed of a steady beat moving from fast to slow, slow to fast.	Change the speed of a steady beat, moving from fast to slow, slow to fast.	Change the speed of a steady beat, moving from fast to slow, slow to fast.
	Understand that the speed of the beat can change, creating a faster or slower pace.	Control the speed of a steady beat, getting faster and getting slower.	Control the speed of a steady beat, getting faster and getting slower.	Control the speed of a steady beat, getting faster and getting slower.	Control the speed of a steady beat, getting faster and getting slower.
			Direct the class in controlling the speed of a steady beat in a class performance.	Direct the class in controlling the speed of a steady beat in a class performance.	Direct the class in controlling the speed of a steady beat in a class performance.
				Recognise the connection between tempi and musical styles.	Recognise the connection between tempi and musical styles.
					Recognise an effective use of tempo at the end of a song.

Dynamics

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Talk about loud sounds and quiet sounds, and give some examples.	Identify loud and quiet sections of music, and discuss what makes the music loud or quiet. Understand the meaning of loud and quiet (forte and piano).	Listen out and respond to forte (loud) sections of music. Identify instruments playing loud dynamics when listening to the music. Use dynamics to help communicate the meaning of a song.	Identify gradation of dynamics and use the correct vocabulary to describe crescendo and diminuendo.	Identify dynamics and how they change the mood and feel of the music: forte, piano, mezzo forte, mezzo piano, crescendo and diminuendo.	Identify how dynamics change the mood and feel of music using vocabulary: forte, piano, mezzo forte, mezzo piano, crescendo and diminuendo. Identify how dynamics can support the structure of a song or piece of music, eg diminuendo leading into a new section and change of mood. Identify the connection between dynamics and texture, eg adding more players and/or singers makes the music louder.

Timbre

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Identify different sounds in the environment, indoors and outside. Identify the sounds of the instruments played in school. Identify some of the sounds of the instruments heard when listening to music.	Know the difference between a speaking voice and a singing voice. Identify friends from the sound of their voices.	Choose particular instruments for rehearsal and performing. Identify the sound of different tuned and untuned percussion instruments.	 Explain tone colour: the instruments or voices heard that can be recognised by their unique qualities. Recognise the following groups of instruments: a marching band and a symphony orchestra and its separate families: woodwind, brass, percussion and strings. Identify the following instruments by ear and through a range of media: banjo, acoustic guitar, tuned and untuned percussion, steel pans, clarinet, trombone, trumpet, piano, keyboard, bass drums, tuba, piccolo, bass guitar, synthesiser and electric guitar. Recognise the difference between the sound of high and low voices. Understand the importance of the vocal warm-up and its impact on the tone of the voice. 	Recognise the following ensembles: • Gospel choir and soloist • Rock band • Symphony orchestra • A Cappella group Identify the following instruments by ear and through a range of media: drum kit, electric guitar, electric bass guitar, acoustic guitar, keyboard or Hammond organ, synthesiser, saxophone, trumpet, harmonica, banjo, accordion, tuned and untuned percussion, steel pans and instruments of the orchestra such as clarinet, tuba, violin, trombone and flute. Recognise the difference between the sound of high and low voices. Recognise tone colour and rapping.	 Recognise the following ensembles: Pop group A Cappella group Gospel choir Identify instruments that add particular colour to a song or piece of music. Identify the following instruments by ear and through a range of media: Band instruments such as keyboard, electric or Hammond organ, saxophone, trumpet, electric guitar, electric bass guitar, drum kit, vocals, drum machine and synthesiser. Instruments of the orchestra from the strings, woodwind, brass and tuned and untuned percussion families, particularly violin, cello, double bass, flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba, drums (timpani), glockenspiel, xylophone and piano. Other instruments such as steel pans, harmonica, banjo and accordion.

Texture

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sing together. Listen out for combinations of instruments together.	Understand that singing and playing together creates a musical texture. Add body percussion accompaniments.	Understand that singing and playing together creates a musical texture. Add body percussion accompaniments. Listen to the accompaniment to a song.	Identify and explain texture: the number of voices or instruments playing and the richness of the sound they create. Identify high and low solo voices and backing vocals, and talk about the different textures they create in the	Identify solos and instrumental breaks in songs and music. Talk about solo voices, backing vocals and different vocal textures. Identify changes in texture.	Sing and play instruments in different-sized groups. Identify solos and instrumental breaks in songs and music. Talk about solo voices, backing vocals and different vocal textures.
		Identify large numbers of people playing and singing. Listen out for solo players.	music. Understand and demonstrate the effect that repeated rhythmic or melodic patterns (as riffs/ostinati) have on the texture of a piece of music. Explain the term 'unison' and the difference between unison and solo.	Talk about the different textures created by intervals and chords.	Refer to repeated rhythmic or melodic patterns as riffs/ostinati. Talk about the different textures created by intervals and chords. Understand how texture builds throughout a piece as voices are layered.

Structure (Form)

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Add movement to key sections of a song. Understand when to sing in a verse and a chorus.	Join in with a repeated section of a song: the chorus, the response. Join in with the main tune when it is repeated.	Show the different sections of a song structure or piece of music through actions.	Identify and explain the following structural terms: verse, chorus, bridge, repeat signs, chorus and final chorus, improvisation, call and response, and AB form within musical structures. Identify the instrumental break and its purpose in a song. Recognise phrases and repeated sections. Discuss the purpose of a bridge section.	Identify and explain the structural terms: verse, chorus, bridge, repeat signs, chorus and final chorus, improvisation, call and response, and AB form within musical structures. Identify the instrumental break and its purpose in a song. Recognise phrases and repeated sections. Discuss the purpose of a bridge section.	Talk about how musical styles often have the same musical structure, eg Folk music: verse and chorus; Rock and Pop music: verse, chorus, bridge and instrumental break. Talk about the purpose of musical structures. Identify where changes in texture and tonality help emphasise the contrasting sections in a song. Recognise that changing the tonality at different points within the song creates different sections to the structure.