

MUSIC

CURRICULUM MAP 2025 - 2026

	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
	7 weeks	7 weeks	6 weeks	6 weeks	6 weeks	7 weeks
	_	Songs and music from Around	Composing music	Chants and songs	Sounds and symbols	Beat and Rhythm
	music	the world	to a stimulus -			
			In the midnight		Follow simple graphic	Developing ability to
	Learning about	Learning traditional songs	wood		scores using pictures	differentiate between
	different instrumental	from around the world.		using speaking	and symbols such as	beat and rhythm
	sounds, pitches and		Listen to music	voice to chant and	creature beat,	
	tones, beginning to		, -	singing voice to get		Sing a range of songs
	understand difference		characters	different pitches	counting	identifying the beat and
	between beat and	Focus on Christmas				rhythm of words
	rhythm	celebrations and Nativity play				
			of music is fast or		symbols and pictures	Develop ability to follow
			slow	experimenting with		symbols and pictures and
				•	•	use these when choosing
	Exploring high and low	Listening to	Compose	sound	pitch and dynamic	and ordering their own
YEAR 1	sounds with their	Chistmas/seasonal music	music/choose			sounds
	voices, fast and slow	such as the Nutcracker and	sounds to reflect	Using body	Make loud and quiet	
	tempos and loud and	Sleigh Ride commenting on	different moods,	percussion to make		Create changes in
	quiet	tempo, dynamics and how the	events and	up simple repeated	instrument	texture, dynamic, pitch,
		music makes them feel	characters	patterns to go with		duration and timbre
				chants and songs		
			Discuss and identify			
	Music linked to Black		how use of musical			
	History Month, looking	Perform together as a class	elements- eg			
	at African sounds and		slow/fast tempos			
	rhythms and singing	Sing with an awareness of	and loud and quiet			
	some African songs	other performers and for	sounds can be			
		pleasure	chosen for special			
		p.033410	effects and apply to			
			own work			

	Building bricks of music	Songs and music from around	Composing music to	Developing notation	Introduction to	Singing with expression and
		the world	create sp effects	skills	glocks/chime bars	accuracy
			Listen to a range of			
		Traditional songs from around	music with added	Using simple symbols	Learning how the note	Develop a repertoire of
	Recognise difference	the world	sound and vocal	and grids to compose	names are labelled on	songs and learn about
	between tones of voices		effects and discuss	rhythm patterns		purpose of different types of
		Focus on Christmas celebrations	the atmosphere		glockenspiels and chime	song
		and Nativity play	created	Use word rhythm	bars	
		, , , , ,		patterns to enhance		
	Funlara lang and short		Listen to a range of	understanding of	Performing simple	
	Explore long and short sounds, pulse, rhythm		metallic instruments	duration and how	accompaniments and	
		Liston to Christmas (spacenal	and sound sources	syllables in the words	making up simple	
	and tempo changes	Listen to Christmas/seasonal music such as music from the	and discuss how they	can impact the	rhythms using set notes	
		Nutcracker and Sleigh Ride	are being used to	rhythm		
		Nutcracker and Sieigh Ride	created cold sounding			
			effect			
	Understand that the	Listen out for particular things in				
	speed of music can	a piece of music	Sing song about the			
	change		winter and discuss the			
YEAR 2			atmosphere fo the			
	Follow pitch movement		music			
	with hands and use high,	Sing songs expressively and				
	middle and low vocal	accurately	Create music to			
	sounds		depict a storm and			
		Recognise different roles in	frosty winter's day			
		creating music eg choir,	discussing use of			
		composer, orchestra, conductor	timbre, dynamics and			
	Music linked to Black		pitch			
	History Month					
	•		Explore how sounds			
	Learning songs from		on one sound source			
	Africa and the Caribbean		can be change for			
	with and without		different effects – eg-			
	accompaniment		using the inside or			
			outside of an			
			instrument, rapidly			
			striking an instrument			
			to create a tremolo			
			effect.			

	Building bricks of	Songs and music from around	Learning about	Pentatonic music	Drones and ostinatos	Structure in songs
	Music	the world	different			
			composers and	Learning about	Learning about	Identifying the different
	Learning about	Learn traditional songs from	ensembles	Chinese music and	drones and ostinatos	sections of a song such as
	different instrumental	around the world		Indonesian	and how they are	call and response,
	timbres and groups of			Gamelan and other	used to add interest	introduction, chorus,
	instruments	Focus on Christmas	instruments of the	, ·	and can be used as an	, ,
		celebrations/seasonal music	orchestra and other	based on the five	accompaniment to	passage and coda/outro
	Exploring different		types of ensemble	note pentatonic	songs	
	tempos and dynamics	Understand why diction is		scale		Learning that some songs
	and creating contrast	important	Identify at least one		Compose simple	do not have a chorus
YEAR 3			well known	-	ostinato rhythms and	
	Music linked to Black	And why variations of	composer	and improvise	tunes	Sing a range of songs in
	History Month	dynamics are needed		simple tunes based		different styles
			Sing a	on the pentatonic	Learn songs with	
	Listen to and sing	Use musical vocabulary to	range of songs in	scale	ostinato patterns	
	songs from the	describe inter- related	different styles			
	Caribbean and Africa	dimensions of music				
		Recognise the work of at least				
	understanding why	one famous composer				
	clear diction is					
	important					

	Building bricks of music	Songs and music from around	Songs telling stories	Texture and special	Comparing music across
	_	the world		effects in music	time and place
	Name a variety of		Learn how songs can		
	instruments and describe		tell about historic	Learn about layering	Listen to a range of
	the tone quality of		events or be written	of parts and how	music from different
	instruments	Learn traditional songs from	in response to events	instruments and	cultures, identify
		around the world	taking place	other vocal parts can	features, differences
	Recognise whether pitch			create interest and	and similarities
	moves by steps or leaps	Focus on Christmas	Listen to a range of	add atmosphere.	
		celebrations/seasonal music and	songs including those		Understand how eg
	Listening to a range of	Nativity play	from the folk	Add instrumental	music of Ireland may
	music and identify the	reactivity play	repertoire such as the	· •	sound different from
	character and purpose,	When singing, be aware of	Lincolnshire Poacher	create thicker	music from Mali
	comparing traditions	melodic and rhythmic phrases	_	textures and enhance	Identify.
	across time and place	and how to breathe in	the Isle of Hope	atmosphere	
	and identify key	appropriate places			Sing songs composed
	musicians	appropriate places		Sing the song of the	for different purposes
				Sirens adn Ancient	and understand what
	Music linked to Black			Egyptians	performance style is
YEAR 4	113-4				needed for the music
	instory month	When listening to music, identify			Eg how a pop song may
	Listen to music from	character of the music and			be performed
	Africa and the Caribbean	identify inter-related dimensions			differently from a hymn
	and sing related songs				sung in church
	and sing related songs				
	Understand how music is				
	made up of several layers				
	of sound				
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	Create ostinatos to				
	accompany songs				
	accompany songs				
	And perform from grid				
	notation				

	Building bricks of music	Songs and music from around	Looking at	Musical Devices	Film Music	Arranging music
		the world	structure in music			
	Explain how tempo can			Listen to music	Listening to a range of	Listen to different
	change the character of		Identify musical	using a range of	film music and	versions of the same
	music and identify		themes and how	devices such as riffs	learning how music	piece of music and
	changes in speed	Learn traditional songs from	these may be	ostinatos and	can add atmosphere	discover how composers
	Explore different textures	around the world	repeated	ground bass	and create interest	manipulate musical
	in music		throughout a piece	patterns.		elements such as adding
	III IIIusic		of music		Learn about different	extra notes, changing
	And comment on			Identify ostinatos	techniques	rhythms, adding different
	contrasts in texture	Focus on Christmas	Listen to music in	and ground bass in	composers use	instruments
		celebrations/seasonal music	binary, ternary and	music and		
	Music linked to Black	and Nativity play	rondo form and	compose simple	Developing singing	
	History Month		make up simple	ground bass using	repertoire	
			rhythm parts for	grid notation tune		
	Hold a part in a round		different sections of	_	Sing songs in a range	
	and call and response	Perform significant parts from	music	from a chord	of styles developing	
YEAR 5	song, taking the lead	memory and sing with	Create contrast in	pattern	singing technique and	
	from more confident	awareness of melodic and	different sections of		awareness of	
	pupils	rhythmic phrases	music by eg using		phrasing and	
	Explore strong and weak		different body		expression	
	beats in songs		percussion,			
	beats in songs		dynamics, timbres			
	Listening to music of	Listen to a greater range of	and textures to			
	black musicians and	musical piece, identify	create variety when			
	composers such as Scott	instrumental families and	composing in			
	Joplin and Florence Price	describe and evaluate music	ternary form and			
	and Louis Armstrong	using musical vocabulary	performing			
	Listen to a greater range					
	of musical pieces and describe and evaluate					
	music using musical					
	vocabulary					
	, , ,					
	Explore syncopation					

	Building bricks of	Songs and music from around	Notation and	Structure in music	Musical patterns	Comparing and
	music	the world	rhythms			contrasting music
				Listen to a range of	Compose according to	
	Looking at notation	Learn traditional songs from	Compose simple	music using	criteria such as	Find similarities and
		around the world	rhythms and tunes	different structures	improvising using	differences in pieces of
	And writing and		using grid notation	such as binary,	notes from the	music
	performing simple	Focus on Christmas		ternary and rondo	pentatonic scale	
	rhythms	celebrations/seasonal music	Learn how to	form		Evaluate how venue,
		and Nativity play	transfer using		Writing a simple	occasion and purpose
	Music linked to Black		conventional staff	Compose and	sequential tune	affects the way a piece of
	History Month	Evaluate how venue and	notation	perform using		music is created and
		occasion and purpose affects		rondo form		performed
	Listening and learning	way a piece of music is	Learn how different	creating contrast in		
	about features of	created	notations serve	texture, dynamics		
	Ragtime		different purposes	and timbre		
		Find differences and				
	Listen to music by	similarities between different				
YEAR 6	Samuel Coleridge-	piece of music- especially				
TEAR O	Taylor	where the theme is the same-				
		eg Sleigh Ride by Delius, Leroy				
	Symphonic variations	Anderson and Prokofiev				
	on an African Air	(Troika)				
	Learn about Florence					
	Price and influences					
	Create body					
	percussion					
	composition using					
	basic structural forms					
	eg ostinato and rondo					
	Sing songs from Africa					
	and the Caribbean and					
	invent simple					
	accompaniments					