Newnham St Peter's C of E Primary School

Music Progression Map of Skills

	Pre-School	Reception
Communication and Language	Sing a large repertoire of songs.	 Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound. Learn rhymes, poems and songs.
Physical Development	 Use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks 	Combine different movements with ease and fluency.
Expressive Arts and Design	 Listen with increased attention to sounds. Respond to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings. Remember and sing entire songs. Sing the pitch of a tone sung by another person ('pitch match'). Sing the melodic shape (moving melody, such as up and down, down and up) of familiar songs. Create their own songs, or improvise a song around one they know. Play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas. 	 Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings. Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them. Create collaboratively sharing ideas, resources and skills. Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses. 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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	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Listening, appraising, and responding							
Listening	 Recognising 	 Recognising 	 Discussing the 	 Recognising the use 	 Recognising and 	 Identifying the 	
to a range	and	timbre changes	stylistic	and development of	confidently	way that	
of high-	understanding	in music they	features of	motifs in music.	discussing the	features of a	
quality live	the difference	listen to	different	Identifying gradual	stylistic features	song can	
and	between pulse	Recognising	genres, styles	dynamic and tempo	of different	complement one	

recorded	and rhythm.	structural	and traditions	changes within a	genres, styles	another to
music	Understanding	features in music	of music using	piece of music	and traditions of	create a
	that different	they listen to.	musical	Recognising and	music using	coherent overall
	types of	Listening to and	vocabulary	discussing the	musical	effect Use
	sounds are	recognising	(Indian,	stylistic features of	vocabulary, and	musical
	called timbres.	instrumentation.	classical,	different genres,	explaining how	vocabulary
	Recognising	Beginning to use	Chinese,	styles and traditions	these have	correctly when
	basic tempo,	musical	Battle Songs,	of music using	developed over	describing and
	dynamic and	vocabulary to	Ballads, Jazz).	musical vocabulary	time (South	evaluating the
	pitch changes	describe music.	Understanding	(Samba, Rock & Roll,	African, West	features of a
	(faster/slower,	Identifying	that music	Blues). Identifying	African, Musical	piece of music
	louder/quieter	melodies that	from different	common features	Theatre, Dance	Discussing
	&	move in steps.	parts of the	between different	Remix, Classical).	musical eras in
	higher/lower).		world, and	genres, styles and	Representing the	context,
	Describing the		different	traditions of music.	features of a	identifying how
	character,		times, have	 Recognising, naming 	piece of music	they have
	mood, or		different	and explaining the	using graphic	influenced each
	'story' of		features.	effect of the	notation, and	other, and
	music they		Recognising	interrelated	colours, justifying	discussing the
	listen to, both		and explaining	dimensions of	their choices with	impact of
	verbally &		the changes	music. Identifying	reference to	different
	through		within a piece	scaled dynamics	musical	composers on
	movement.		of music using	(crescendo/decresce	vocabulary.	the
	Describing the		musical	ndo) within a piece	Comparing,	development of
	differences		vocabulary.	of music. Using	discussing and	musical styles.
	between two		Describing the	musical vocabulary	evaluating music	Evaluating how
	pieces of		timbre,	to discuss the	using detailed	the venue,
	music.		dynamic, and	purpose of a piece	musical	occasion and
	Expressing a		textural details	of music.	vocabulary.	purpose affects
	basic opinion		of a piece of			the way a piece
	about music		music, both			of music sounds.
	(like/dislike).		verbally, and			
			through			

Listening with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory	• Listening to and repeating short, simple rhythmic patterns. Listening and responding to other performers by playing as part of a group.	• Listening to and repeating a short, simple melody by ear. Suggesting improvements to their own and others' work.	movement. Beginning to show an awareness of metre. Recognising and beginning to discuss changes within a piece of music. • Beginning to use musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) when discussing improvements to their own and others' work.	Using musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) when discussing improvements to their own and others' work.	Developing confidence in using detailed musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) to discuss and evaluate their own and others' work.	• Confidently using detailed musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) to discuss and evaluate their own and others work.
			Composi	ng	others work.	
Create sounds and music using the inter- related dimensions of music	 Selecting and creating short sequences of sound with voices or instruments to represent a given idea or 	 Selecting and creating longer sequences of appropriate sounds with voices or instruments to represent a given idea or 	 Composing a piece of music in a given style with voices and instruments (Battle Song, Indian Classical, Jazz, 	 Composing a coherent piece of music in a given style with voices, bodies & instruments. Beginning to improvise musically within a given style 	 Composing a detailed piece of music from a given stimulus with voices, bodies & instruments (Remix, Colours, Stories, Drama). 	 Composing an original song, incorporating lyric writing, melody writing and the composition of accompanying features, within

Combining	character.	Swing).	(Blues). Developing	Improvising	a given
instrumental	Successfully	Combining	melodies using	coherently within	structure.
and vocal	combining and	melodies and	rhythmic variation,	a given style.	Recording own
sounds within	layering several	rhythms to	transposition,	Combing	composition
a given	instrumental and	compose a	inversion, and	rhythmic	using
structure.	vocal patterns	multilayered	looping. Creating a	, patterns	appropriate
Creating	within a given	composition in	piece of music with	(ostinato) into a	forms of
simple	structure.	a given style	at least four	multi-layered	notation and/or
melodies	Creating simple	(pentatonic).	different layers and	composition	technology.
using a few	melodies from 5	Using letter	a clear structure.	using all the	
notes.	or more notes.	name and	Using letter name,	inter-related	
Choosing	Choosing	rhythmic	graphic and	dimensions of	
dynamics,	appropriate	notation	rhythmic notation	music to add	
tempo and	dynamics, tempo	(graphic or	and key musical	musical interest.	
timbre for a	and timbre for a	staff), and key	vocabulary to label	Using staff	
piece of	piece of music.	musical	and record their	notation to	
music.	 Using letter 	vocabulary to	compositions.	record rhythms	
Creating a	name and	label and	Suggesting	and melodies.	
simple graphic	graphic notation	record their	improvements to	Selecting,	
score to	to represent the	compositions.	others work, using	discussing and	
represent a	details of their	Suggesting	musical vocabulary.	refining musical	
composition.	composition.	and		choices both	
Beginning to	Beginning to	implementing		alone and with	
make	suggest	improvements		others, using	
improvements	improvements to	to their own		musical	
to their work	their own work.	work, using		vocabulary with	
as suggested		musical		confidence.	
by the		vocabulary.		Suggesting and	
teacher.				demonstrating	
				improvements to	
				own and others'	
				work.	

Performing

- 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
- Using their voices expressively when singing, including the use of basic dvnamics (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 patterns
- 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 be able to identify these symbols using musical terminology.
- 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. Playing simple chord sequences (12 bar blues). Performing from basic staff notation. incorporating rhythm and pitch
- 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.
- 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. Performing a solo or taking a
- Performing a solo or taking a leadership role within a performance.

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Performing	notation.		these symbols using		
from graphic			musical		
notation.			terminology.		
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