Music Vocabulary Progression 2023/24 (Condensed)



All classes should keep the Inter-related dimensions of music in mind across the curriculum.

These are the seven main building blocks of music:

- **Structure** How the music is organised into different sections.
- **Texture** How many layers of sound the music has (thick or thin).
- **Tempo** The speed of the music (fast and slow).
- **Dynamics** The volume of the music (loud or quiet).
- **Timbre** The quality of sound e.g. smooth, scratchy, twinkly.
- **Duration** The length of time each note is played for (long or short).

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year R	Continuous provision Demonstrating how to play certain instruments Encouraging children to perform together as a group Starting to sing a familiar song and play an instrument, encouraging others to join in Clapping or tapping out a beat Providing lyrics to a song Using familiar, everyday objects to create new instruments and sounds Demonstrating how to use your body and voice as instruments Searching for and watching videos showing traditional dances Learning and practising traditional dances together Searching for and listening to music together Finding out about different music relating to customs and festivals that are important to the children	Celebration music music, dance, tempo, move, Diwali, celebration, traditional, Hanukkah, Hora, kinnor, harp, flute, Jewish, trumpet, cymbals, tambourine, shofa Kwanzaa, Africa, culture, call, response, drum, rhythm, beat, instrument, Christmas, Christian, sleigh bells, actions, action songs, voice sounds, body percussion	Musical stories classical music, pitch, high, low, tempo, fast, slow, dynamic, loud, quiet, musical story, lyrics, melody, character, instrument, song, actions, percussion, compose, perform, performance	Music and movement actions, action songs, sign language, Makaton, deaf, communication, communicating, understand, lyrics, verse, beat, music, heartbeat, pulse, steady, repeat, constant, drum, piece, composer, tempo, fast, moderate, medium, slow, dance, pitch, high, low, sound, whistle, triangle, sirer cello, perform, performance, audience	slow, rhythm, beat, instrumental sounds, tempo, fast, quickly, slowly, dynamic, loudly, quietly,	Big band music, musical instrument, band, sound, shake, tap, bang, strum, jingle, tempo, dynamic, pitch, beat, orchestra, sound, rhythm, beat, conductor, wind, strings, percussion, brass
Year 1	Pulse and rhythm (Theme: All about me) body percussion, chant, clap, copy, drum, instrument, in time, shaker, percussion instrument, perform, play, pulse, rhythm, sing, syllables In time: Clapping, dancing, singing or marching at the same speed as the music. Rhythm: a pattern of long and short sounds Pulse: the 'heartbeat' or beat of the music	Nativity performance	Pitch and tempo (Theme: Superheroes) accelerando, compose, fast, features, gradually, high, low, note, pattern, performance, pitch, play, rallentando, slow, sing, tempo, theme tune Pitch How high or low a sound is. Tempo The speed of the music (fast or slow). Accelerando A musical term to describe when the Compose To create or write an original (new) piece of music. Glockenspiel, chime bar, xylophone	Classical music, dynamics and tempo (Theme: Animals) accuracy, actions, choir, composing, composition, confidence, dynamics, fast, instruments, in time, loud, melody percussion, performance, perform, quiet, repeat, represent, rhythm, sections, silence, sing, slow	Musical vocabulary (Theme: Under the sea) body percussion, brass, conductor, dynamics, fast, inspire, instruments, layer, loud, mood, percussion, performance, pitch, quiet, represent, slow, sounds, speed,strings, vocal sounds, volume, woodwind Dynamics: the volume of the music (loud or quiet) Pitch: how high or low a sound is	Vocal and body sounds: (Theme: By the sea) body percussion, brass, conductor, dynamics, fast, inspire, instruments, layer, loud, mood, percussion, performance, pitch, quiet, represent, slow, sounds, speed, strings, vocal sounds, volume, woodwind Pitch How high or low a sound is. Timbre The "quality" of sound e.g. smooth, scratchy, twinkly Vocal sounds Sounds made with your vocal chords, such as talking, singing, humming and shushing.

to cl	Body percussion: using your body to keep in time with the music clapping, tapping toes, clicking ingers Irum, maracas, claves, ambourine, woodblock, bells		Drum maracas tambourines, claves		glockenspiel, bells, triangle, chime bar	Dynamics The volume of the music (loud or quiet) Tempo The speed of the music (fast or slow). Graphic score Pictures, symbols, lines or shapes to represent sound. Untuned percussion Percussion instruments you cannot play a tune on. Tuned percussion Percussion instruments you can play tunes on. Glockenspiel, chime bar, xylophone Drum maracas tambourines, claves
bot dy le partition in the partition in	dusical me deat, composer, composition, dynamics, emotion, imitate, in time, etter, melody, notation, notes, pattern, performance, pulse, epresent, rhythm, sound effects, imbre, tune, volume folk songs are often passed on by penerations simply by people inging them. In fact, we don't actually know who wrote most folk longs. Composition An original piece of music that has been created. Pulse The heartbeat of the music. Cometimes called the 'beat'. Melody Patterns of different pitches high and low notes). Timbre The quality of sound e.g. mooth, scratchy, twinkly. Rhythm Patterns of long and short counds. Compose To create or write an original (new) piece of music. Composer A person who creates and writes an original piece of music. Notation How the music is written lown. Slockenspiel, chime bars	Nativity performance	Dynamics, timbre, tempo and motifs (Theme: Space) Accuracy, arrange, atmosphere, brass, compare, composer, contrast, dynamics, effect, emotion, improvise, inspiration, interpretation, mood, motif, notate, orchestra, percussion, rhythm, sequence, soundscape, strings, symbols, timbre, visual interpretation, woodwind Compose To create or write an original (new) piece of music. Composer A person who creates and writes an original piece of music. Composition The original piece of music that has been created. Dynamics The volume of the music (loud or quiet). Motif A short melody that is repeated over and over again. Soundscape A piece of music that describes a landscape. Timbre The quality of sound e.g. smooth, scratchy, twinkly. Strings Instruments that are played by plucking or bowing strings. Woodwind Instruments that make sound by blowing air through a reed or small mouthpiece. Brass Instruments that are made of metal and the sound is made by blowing air through a cup-shaped mouthpiece. Percussion Instruments that are played by striking, beating or shaking the instrument.	West African call and response song (Theme: Animals) actions, backing track, beat, call and response, composition, copy, dynamics, instrument, in time, performance, represent, rhythm, rhythmic notation, Sequence, sound, structure, tempo, timbre, vary, volume 'call and response' This is when the leader sings or plays something and others sing or play something back to the leader. Structure How the music is organised into different sections. Notation How the music is written down. Dynamics The volume of the music (loud or quiet). Tempo The speed of the music (fast or slow). Timbre The quality of sound e.g. smooth, scratchy, twinkly. Rhythm A pattern of long and short notes. Djembe drums, bongo drums, belafan	Orchestral instruments (Theme: Traditional stories) actions, brass, characters, clarinet, composition, cymbals, dynamics, emotion, French horn, instrumental sounds, musicians, oboe, orchestra, orchestral, percussion, performing, sections, string, sound effect, tempo, timbre, trombone, tuba, vocals, woodwind Strings Instruments that are played by plucking or bowing strings. Woodwind Instruments that make sound by blowing air through a reed or small mouthpiece. Brass Instruments that are made of metal and the sound is made by blowing air through a cup-shaped mouthpiece. Percussion Instruments which are played by shaking, tapping or scraping with your hand or a beater. Dynamics The volume of the music (loud or quiet). Sound effects A sound created to represent something in a film, television programme or a play. Tempo The speed of the music (fast or slow). Timbre The quality of sound e.g. smooth, scratchy, twinkly. Vocals Using your voice in a piece of music. Harp, Percussion Violin, Triangle, Tambourine, Cymbals, Bass drum Snare drum, Timpani, Flute, Clarinet Oboe, Bassoon, Bass clarinet Contrabassoon, Piccolo,	On this island: British songs and sounds accurately, body percussion, compose, composition, duration, dynamics, folk song, inspired, inspiration, inter-related dimensions of music, layered effect, lyrics, performing, pitch, representing, soundscape, structure, tempo, texture, timbre, voice percussion

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					French horn, Trombone, Tuba,	
					Trumpet Double bass, Viola,	
					Cello	
Year 3	Creating compositions in response	Ballads	1Term2Learn	1Term2Learn	Traditional instruments and	<u>Jazz</u>
	to an animation (Theme: Mountains)	ballad, chorus, compose,			improvisation (Theme: India)	call and response, Dixieland,
	atmosphere, compose, composition,	dynamics, emotions, ensemble,			Bollywood, compose, drone,	improvisation, jazz, off-beat, motif, pitch,
	dynamics, ensemble, influence,	facial expressions, features,			dynamics, harmonium, improvise,	ragtime, rhythm, scat singing, straight
	in-time, layers, letter notation,	feelings, instrumentals, lyrics,			Indian flute, lyrics, melodic line,	quaver, strung quaver, swung rhythm,
	melodic pattern, melody, opinion,	melody, nonsense words,			notation, opinion, pitch, repeated	swing music, syncopated rhythm,
	notation, pitch, repeated rhythm,	performance, phrases, poem, pop			rhythm, rhythm, rag, sarangi, sitar,	syncopation, tune
	represent, sound effect,	songs, rehearse, rhyme, solo,			tabla, tala, tempo	Synoopation, tano
	soundscape, story, tempo, timbre,	stanza, story mountain,			tazia, taia, tempe	
	tuned percussion, untuned	summarize, tune, verse,			Bollywood Indian films that	
	percussion	vocabulary, volume			involve singing and dancing,	
	Personal	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			similar to a musical. Tal A	
		Ballad A song which tells a story -			repeated rhythm played over and	
		similar to a poem.			over on the tabla.	
		Stanza A short section of text,			Rag A series of notes which Indian	
		sometimes known as a verse in a			music uses to create the tune.	
		song or poem			Drone A long held note usually	
		Solo Performing alone.			played on the Tanpura.	
		Lyrics The words in a song.			Improvising Making up music as	
		Ensemble A small group of			it is played or performed.	
		musicians who perform together.			Notation The way that music is	
		Expression Making your thoughts			written so that others can play it.	
		or feelings known when reading,				
		singing or performing.			Tabla, harmonium, indian flute,	
		Chorus Repeated section of music			sitar, tanpura	
		with the same tune and lyrics.				
		Nonsense words Words which				
		have no meaning and are often				
		used for filling time in songs – e.g.				
		'la', 'do', 'oooh'.				
Year 4	Body and tuned percussion	Adapting and transposing motifs	1Term2Learn	1Term2Learn	Changes in pitch, tempo and	Rock and roll
	(Theme:Rainforests)	(Theme:Romans)			dynamics (Theme: Rivers)	1950s (use timeline)
	body percussion, combine,	backing track, bass line, beat, call			body percussion, combine,	bass line, beat, chorus, dynamics, flat
	compose, contrasting rhythms,	and response, compose, crotchet,			compose, contrasting rhythms,	notes, hand jive, in-time, in-tune, notation,
	dynamics, inspiration, layers, loop,	dotted minim, flats, graphic			dynamics, inspiration, layers, loop,	originate, pitch, rhythm, rhythmic patterns,
	organisation, repeated melodies,	notation, in-time, in-tune, key, key			organisation, repeated melodies,	rock and roll, sections, sequence, sharp
	melody line, pitch, record, rhythm,	signature, loop, lyrics, minim, motif,			melody line, pitch, record, rhythm,	notes, style, tempo, untuned percussion,
	sections, structure, tempo,	notation, ostinato, pitch,			sections, structure, tempo,	verse, vocals, walking bass line
	texture, tune, tuned percussion	quavers, repeating patterns,			texture, tune, tuned percussion	Rock and roll has a fast tempo with
		repetition, rhythm, rhythmic				strong vocals which may use screaming
	Melody Notes of different pitches	notation, riff, semibreve, sharps,				and shouting
	played in a sequence to create a	tempo,				Hand jive - a rock and roll dance where
	tune.	transpose, tuned instrument, vocal				you move your hands alot
	Appraising Assessing and	warm-ups				Tempo - the speed or pace of the music. It
	discussing a performance or piece	Motif A short reporting nettern of				can change throughout a piece of music.
	of music.	Motif A short repeating pattern of				Dynamics - the volume of the notes. This
	Rhythm A pattern of long and short	notes Ostinato A short repeating musical				often changes throughout a piece of music.
	sounds (and silences) within a piece of music.	Ostinato A short repeating musical pattern				
	Layers The different instruments,	Riff A short repeated phrase in pop				Pitch - how high or low a note sounds. In time- playing or singing at the same
	Layers The different institutions,	Tan A short repeated philase in pop				in time- playing or singing at the same

rhythms or melodies that build the overall texture. Transition Music that links one section of a piece of music to another. Contrast An obvious difference. Interrelated dimensions:Tempo, texture, duration pitch, timbre, dynamics, structure	Rhythm A pattern of short and long sounds (and silences) within a piece of music Backing track A recorded musical accompaniment Transpose Move a whole tune or piece of music up or down in key, starting it on a different note Graphic score a way of writing music using pictures Letter notation writing the notes in a melody using letters A - G Rhythmic notation writing musical notes so the duration is clear Sharp notes written # is a semitone higher than notes which appear on the musical staff Flat notes written b is a semitone lower than notes which appear on the musical staff				speed as the music In tune - singing or playing with the correct pitch Bass line - the lowest part of the music, played by a bass or bass guitar in rock and roll. Walking bass - a bass line that moves step by step using pitches that are next to each other Notation - the way that music is written so that others can play it electric bass, drum, double bass, electric guitar
Looping and remixing accuracy, backbeat, body percussion, fragment, layers, loop, looped rhythm, melody, melody line, notation, ostinato, remix, rhythm, riff, structure	Musical theatre action song, backdrop, book musical, character song, choreographer, composer, comic opera, costumes, designer, dialogue, director, duet, ensemble, hip-hop musical, jukebox musical, librettist, libretto, lyricist, musical director, musical theatre, opera, operetta, performers, props, rock musical, scene, solo, tempo, timbre, transitions	Composition notation (Theme: Ancient Egypt) accuracy, backing track, balance, composition, control, crotchet, dotted minim, ensemble, expression, features, fluency, lyrics, minim, minor key, notation, parts, pitch, pitch notation, quaver, repeating, rhythm, semibreve, sheet music, staff notation, stave, structure, tempo, tune, tuned percussion, unison, vocal warm-ups Melody The combination of pitch and rhythm which forms a tune. Ensemble A group of people who perform instrumental or vocal music. Call and response A musical technique that is similar to a conversation. One phrase of music acts as the 'call' and is 'answered' by a different phrase. Structure The overall organisation of a piece of music. Traditional pop music usually follows a verse, chorus, verse structure. Verse A repeated section of a song that usually features new lyrics on each repetition. Unison Playing or singing notes at the same pitch at the same time. Improvising Making up music as it is played or performed. Notation Written symbols used to represent music. Major A tonality where the music sounds happy or bright.	Composition to represent the festival of colour (Theme: Holi) dynamics, graphic score, inspiration, layering, mood, pitch, represent, soundtrack, synesthesia, tempo, texture, timbre, visual representation, vocal sounds Graphic score A way of writing down music on the page without using traditional stave notation, using symbols and images to represent the music. Synaesthesia A condition where you 'see' music as colours. Major A tonality where the music sounds happy or bright. Minor A tonality where the music sounds sad or tense. Layering An overlapping of different music or instruments to create a 'thick' texture in a musical piece.	a capella, break, call and response, chords, chord progression, diction, djembe, duo, dynamics, eight-beat break, ensemble, expression, improvisation, major chord, master drummer, metronome, performance, polyrhythms, pronunciation, pulse, ostinato, rests, rhythm, soloist, syncopation, tempo, tuned percussion, unaccompanied, vocals Chord Two or more notes that are played at the same time and work in harmony. Duo Two musicians or singers who perform together, known as performing a duet. Major chords A chord made up of three notes. Major chords are often described as happy chords. Minor chords A chord made up of three notes. Minor chords are often described as sad chords. Break When some instruments stop playing and others change the rhythm. Soloist A musician or singer who performs on their own, known as performing a solo. Call and response A musical technique that is similar to a conversation. One phrase of music acts as the 'call' and is 'answered'	12-bar blues, ascending scale, backing track, bar, bent notes, blues, blues scale, chord, convey, descending scale, expression, features, flat, improvisation, lyrics, pitch, quavers, scale, sharp, solo, staff notation 12-bar blues A series of chords played in a specific order Chord Two or more notes that are played at the same time and work in harmony. Scale Any set of musical notes which are in order of their pitch. Ascending scale A scale in which the pitch of the notes goes up. Descending scale A scale in which the pitch of the notes goes down Blues scale A set of notes used to play a melody over a 12-bar blues. Improvisation Making up music as it is played or performed. Bar A section of music with a specific number of beats (in blues there are usually 4 beats in a bar). Bent notes A musical note that varies in pitch usually going up slightly at the end. Quaver A note which last for half a beat

			Minor A tonality where the music sounds sad or tense. Tempo The speed or pace of the music. Motif A short musical phrase that is often repeated. Quaver, crotchet, minim, dotted minim, semibreve		by a different phrase. Chord progression A group of chords played in a particular order A capella Singing without any musical accompaniment. Metronome A device that can be set to create a steady sound (beat) to help musicians play rhythms accurately. Rest the silences in music Ostinato a repeated pattern or phrase Polyrhythms many rhythms played at once Syncopation playing on the off beat Kalimba, guiro, djembe drums balafon, bongos, shekere	
Yea	Aroque, bass clef, canon, fugue, ground bass, opera, oratorio, polyphonic, recitative	Dynamics, pitch and temp: (Theme: Fingal's Cave) classical, characterise, composition, conductor, depict, dynamics, ensemble, graphic score, improvisation, notation, orchestra, pitch, texture Depict To represent something using music Composition A piece of music that has been created Conductor A person who directs the performance of a choir or orchestra using hand signals Notate Write symbols to represent music Improvising Making up music as it is played or performed. Ensemble A group of people who	Songs of World War 2 accuracy, backing track, compare, contrast, complement, control, counter-melody, diaphragm, dynamics, era, expression, features, graphic score, harmony, harmonise, lyrics, melody, melody line, morale, notate, octave, parts, performance techniques, phrase, phrasing, pitch, purpose, score, Solfa, Solfa ladder, tempo Graphic score A way of writing down music on the page without using traditional stave notation, instead using symbols and images to represent the music. Melody The combination of pitch and rhythm which forms a tune. Melody line The notes that make a	Themes and variations (Pop Art) 3/4 time, 4/4 time, accidentals, body percussion, diaphragm, legato, motif, orchestra, percussion, phrases, pitch, pizzicato, pulse, quaver, rhythm, rhythmic elements, section, semi-quaver, staccato, tempo, theme, TIKI-TIKI, TI-TIKI, TIKI-TI, translate, variations, vocal line, woodwind Diaphragm A dome shaped muscle beneath our lungs, which we use to control our breath when singing. Melody Notes of different pitches played in a sequence in order to create a tune. 3/4 time Commonly called 'waltz time' and only has 3 beats per bar. Phrase A short musical passage that	Film music accelerando, Body percussion, brass, characteristics, chords, chromatics, clashing, composition, conversation, convey, crescendo, descending, dynamics, emotion, evoke, features, imagery, improvise, interpret, interval, major, melodic, melody, military, minor, modulate, musical, orchestral, pitch, polished, sequence, solo, soundtrack, symbol, timpani, tension, texture, tremolo, unison, urgency Composition A creative work, such as a piece of music. Evoke To bring forth emotions. Major key A tonality where the music sounds happy or bright.	Composing and performing a leavers' Song allegro, arrangement, backing track, chorus, chord progression, compose, crescendo, diminuendo, dynamics, evaluate, forte, largo, lyrics, melody, mood, musical features, notation, piano, poetic structure, repetitive, rhyme, ritardando, tempo, sequence, stave notation, structure, upbeat, verse Lyrics The words of a song. Arrangement Adapting a piece of music that already exists. Usually so that it can be played by different instruments. Melody The combination of pitch and rhythm which forms a tune. Tempo The speed of the music. Presto - To perform at a very fast

Strings - Instruments that are played

Woodwind - Instruments that make

sound by blowing air through a reed

Brass - Instruments that are made of

metal and the sound is made by

blowing air through a cup-shaped

Percussion - Instruments that are

Notation Written symbols to

played by striking, beating or shaking

by plucking or bowing strings.

or small mouthpiece.

mouthpiece.

the instrument.

represent music.

is played or performed

represent music.

imitate real sounds.

sounds.

Minor key A tonality where the

Modulates Changing from one

key to another (eg major to minor

key). **Notate** To write symbols to

Sound effects Effects made that

music. Chromatics Notes played

from the chromatic scale which

Pitch How high or low a note

Imagery Visually descriptive

music sounds sad or tense.

Pitch How high or low a note sounds.

Expression Playing or singing with a

Dynamics The volume of the notes.

This often changes throughout a piece

Counter melody A melody that can be

sound good, but is different to harmony

Score A written form of a musical

personal response to the music.

sung to complement the existing

melody. It uses harmony to make it

because it uses a different rhythm.

Octave Eight notes

composition.

of music.

music

Pitch How high or low a sound is.

 Allegro - To perform at a quick, lively tempo.

Largo - To perform slowly.

Ritardando - To perform with a gradual decrease in speed.

• Accelerando - To perform with a gradual increase in speed

Chords Two or more notes that are played at the same time and work in harmony. **Dynamics** The volume of the music.

• Crescendo - Gradually increasing volume.0

Diminuendo - Gradually reducing volume.

	Diaphragm A dome shaped muscle, which we use to control our breath when singing.	4/4 time Known as 'common time' and has 4 beats per bar. Rhythm The pattern of long and short notes in music. Orchestra A group of instruments that play together.	can make the music sound 'creepy'. Soundtrack The background music, together with the main songs, create the soundtrack to a film. Tremolo A trembling effect, achieved by creating a loud and then quiet sound with a single note. Unison Playing or singing notes at the same pitch, at the same time.	 Forte - To play loudly or strongly. Piano - To play quietly or gently. Verse - chorus structure A structure common in pop music, with two repeating sections: the verse and the chorus. The verse usually has different lyrics on each repetition. Rhyming pattern The arrangement of the rhyming lines in a poem or song. Backing track A pre-recorded musical accompaniment. Chord progression A group of chords played in a particular order Melody The combination of pitch and rhythm which forms a tune Rhyming patterns AABB, ABAB, ABBA. ABCB
Whole	Appraising a range of comp	osers and genres in assembly		