Music Vocabulary Map



| Year Group | Autumn | Spring | Summer | |
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| EYFS | Children in the Early Years develop their musical skills through hearing and listening, vocalising and singing, moving and dancing and exploring and playing. They explore music using instruments and objects to make sounds, experimenting with noise and volume and discovering sounds they enjoy. Children listen to music and begin making movements to music. Nursery rhymes and songs from different cultures are sang, getting children used to words, rhyme and rhythm. | | | |
| Pre-School | Awakening of interest in music through listening to the singing of songs, the sounds of musical instruments and frequent repetition of rhymes. Song Rhyme Game | Exploring a widening range of rhymes and songs, deepening the listening and subconscious learning experience. Singing games introduced involving simple movements and use of musical instruments. Clap Tap | Established repertoire of rhymes and songs in place. More active participation in classroom songs and singing games – alone, with the teacher or in a small group. Some understanding of loud/quiet, fast/slow. | |
| | Guille | Bells Tambourine Castanets | Quiet Fast Slow Claves Drum | |
| Nursery | Song and rhyme repertoire expands. Development of the singing voice and awareness of pitch over a small range of notes. A sense of beat developing. Playful texts of rhymes and songs link to counting, animals, flowers, holidays. Beat Marching Drum Speaking/singing/ listening voice | More spontaneous participation in singing games and singing familiar songs. Sense of beat grows through movement, body percussion and playing instruments. Begin rhythmic work, tapping the patterns in names and rhymes. Pattern Rhythm Syllables In time | Heightened enjoyment in rhythmic activities and singing games. Improvising of words and actions. In-tune singing and control of musical instruments developing. Signals to start and stop together followed. Leader Copying In tune Signal/sign | |
| Reception | Focus on the singing voice, well-pitched in a group and alone. Widening song repertoire and use of musical instruments, continuing to embed a sense of beat. Well known songs and rhymes develop understanding of structure. On the beat My turn/your turn | Extending repertoire of songs, rhymes and dances. Playing instruments along with music, individually or in a group, underlining awareness of the beat. Responding to symbols or hand signs. Clapping back rhythmic motives. Solo Rhythm | Singing a variety of songs, accompanied and unaccompanied, adding co-ordinated actions. Sing short phrases or responses solo. Copying simple rhythms on an instrument. Playing with purpose. Developing ability to play loudly, quietly, fast, slow. Together | |

| | Thinking voice | Listening | Echo |
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| | Verse | Joining in | Actions |
| | Patterns | Stop/start | Short/long |
| | | · | Fast/slow |
| 1 | Exploring elements of music including | Focus on well-pitched singing through | Developing listening, composing, rhythmic |
| - | high/low, long/short. Singing and chanting | musical games. Continue to cover elements | and concentration skills. Explore use of |
| | well together. Recognising and playing | including loud/quiet, fast/slow. Playing | some well-known songs in 'A Children's |
| | instruments. Prepare KS1 Nativity songs | rhythms with songs. | Symphony' by Harl McDonald. |
| | for performance. | Fast/slow | Loud/quiet (dynamics) |
| | Singing/speaking/thinking voices | Ostinato/repeated pattern | High/low (pitch) |
| | Long/short (duration) | Loud/quiet | Rough/smooth/scratchy |
| | Beat | Signals | (tone quality of the sound) |
| | Playing on the beat | Steady beat | Shape of a tune |
| | Tune | Score | Conductor |
| | Fast/Slow | Plan of a piece/verse and chorus | Mood of the music |
| | Percussion instruments | (structure) | Drone |
| | Claves | Symbol | Chime bars |
| | Tambourine | Composing | Woodblock |
| | Drum | Cowbell | Tambour |
| | Triangle | Cymbal | Sand blocks |
| | Maracas | | |
| | Castanets | | |
| 2 | Developing appreciation of contrast in | Exploring the different note values in | Extending listening, composing, rhythmic |
| | music to include loud/quiet, high/low and | music – short, medium and long. Work on | and concentration skills. Continue to focus |
| | fast/slow. Work based on 'The Carnival of | rhythmic skills. Music to listen to: | on well-pitched singing. Introduce tuned |
| | the Animals' by Saint-Saens. Focus on | Prokofiev - Peter and the Wolf. | percussion. |
| | well-pitched singing including of KS1 | Rest | Composition work linked to fairy tales. |
| | Nativity songs. | Steady beat | Beat |
| | Rhythm | Rhythm | Regular pulse |
| | Beat | Note values | Rhythm |
| | heartbeat | Quaver | Rest |
| | Ostinato | Crotchet | High/low/getting higher/lower (pitch) |
| | Pulse | Minim | Smooth/scratchy/heavy/light/cold (timbre |
| | Sense of control (when singing) | Melodic ostinato | or tone quality) |
| | Volume (dynamics) | Beginning/middle/end (structure) | Long/short sounds (duration) |
| | Fast/slow (tempo) | Orchestra | Tuned percussion |
| | Higher/lower (pitch) | Conductor | Chime bars |
| | Contrasts/opposites | | Pizzicato/plucked |
| 3 | Understanding the main elements of music | Whole class project to learn descant | Continue whole class recorder project |
| | through singing, playing, composing and | recorder. Develop notation reading skills. | through to performance. Extending skills |
| | listening to music including 'The | Continuing to work on developing | in performing and composing. Deepen |
| | Nutcracker Suite' by Tchaikovsky. | appreciation of pulse, rhythm, pitch and | understanding of the musical elements. |
| | Improving aural skills. | dynamics. Continuing links with 'The | Improve listening skills. |
| | Pitch | | Phrases |

| | Tempo Dynamics Beats Bar Rhythm Heart beat Notation Rhythm names Four time Tuned percussion Orchestral instruments | Nutcracker Suite'. Singing festival project. Descant recorder Silent recorder Mouthpiece Barrel Foot joint Tonguing Musical symbols Bar line Music stave | Solo Intonation Layers of sound (texture) Recorded music Structure Intervals Notes moving by step Longer/shorter/sustained (duration |
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| | | Time signature | |
| | | Crotchet | |
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| | | Minim Quaver | |
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| | | Semi-breve Diad | |
| | | Pitch | |
| | | Timing | |
| | | Breathing | |
| | | Four beats/three beats in a bar | |
| | | Rests | |
| | | Repeat sign | |
| 4 | Develop understanding of musical elements | Deepening understanding of rhythm, pitch | Continue to improve understanding of the |
| | through singing-including 2 & 3 part | and dynamics. Improving singing and | elements of music and learning about |
| | rounds, playing and listening to a range of | playing. Music to listen to includes 'Sleigh | orchestral instruments. Explore graphic |
| | music including 'In the Hall of the | Ride' K605 no.3 by Mozart. Introduction | scores. Listening to a range of music from |
| | Mountain King' - Grieg. | to ICT music applications. Explore graphic | other cultures. Singing festival project. |
| | Pitch | scores. | Orchestra |
| | Expression | Score | Woodwind |
| | Ostinati | Graphic score | Brass |
| | Rhythm names | Standard notation | Strings |
| | Solfa | Pitch | Percussion |
| | Tone set | Dynamics (forte/piano) | Structure (e.g. Call and responds) |
| | 3-time/4-time | Loops | Metre |
| | Rest | Sequencing | Rhythmic |
| | Tuned/untuned percussion | Repeats | Melodic |
| | Canon | Rests | Scales |
| | Round | Texture (thick/thin) | Major |
| | Harmony | Improvise | Pentatonic |
| | • | Repetition | |
| | | Dotted minim | |

| 5 | Continue to develop understanding of | Composition involving the pentatonic scale, | Continuing to work on appreciating |
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| | musical elements and aural skills through | developing notation reading skills. | elements of music, listening to a wide |
| | singing and playing. Begin Tudor music | Continue Tudor music project. ICT in | variety of music including some with links |
| | project. | music applications. | to social history e.g. Peterlooville |
| | 3 part round | Pentatonic | Overture - Malcolm Arnold. |
| | Harmony | Consort | Syncopation |
| | Rhythm Pulse | Phrasing | Musical genres |
| | Expression | Fanfare | Programme music |
| | Improvise | Traditions | Folk music |
| | Recorder | Chords | Texture |
| | Harpsichord | Arpeggios | Arrangements |
| | Play by ear | ICT . | Drone |
| | Notation | Loops | Pentatonic composition |
| | Metre | Sequence | Phrasing |
| | Melodic ostinato | Improvise | Melodic line |
| | Intonation | Riffs | Lyrics and melody |
| | | Texture/layering | Chords/note clusters |
| 6 | Developing a good understanding of the | Extending understanding of all musical | Continue to explore features of wide- |
| | elements of music including major/minor | elements, more ensemble playing. ICT in | ranging recorded music including by Grieg, |
| | keys, chords and different structures. | music applications. Explore the elements | Bizet, The Beetles, and Queen. |
| | Exploring history and structure of jazz | through Night on the Bare Mountain. | Compositional links made. |
| | and blues. | Structure e.g. question and answer | Minimalist |
| | Communicate | Expression | Experimental |
| | Mood and meaning | Sample | Body percussion |
| | 2-part | Sequence | Nocturne |
| | 3-part | Manipulate | Bass |
| | Mixed group of instrument | Loop | Arpegg io |
| | Ensemble | Refine | Popular music |
| | Conventional or graphic notation | Texture - layering | Riffs |
| | Chords/harmony | Timbre | Influences |
| | Jazz Blues | Tone colour | Scherzo |
| | Boogie woogie | Accompaniment | Symphony |
| | Ragtime | Leader/conductor | Overture |
| | Texture | Symbols – conventional/graphic | Concerto |
| | Rap | Soundscape | Quartet |
| | Melody | Programme music | Marimba |
| | Major/Minor | Djembe | Vibraphone |
| | Scales Accent | Crescendo | Musical devices |
| | Improvise | Staccato | Chord sequences |
| | Style | Legato | Sharps/flats |
| | Play by ear | | Semi-quavers |
| | Syncopation | | |
| | Off-beat | | |