

Knowledge Progression: Music

Year group	Autumn A	Spring A	Summer A	Autumn B	Spring B	Summer B
Year 1	Topic: Timbre and Rhythmic patterns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To know that an instrument or rhythm pattern can represent a character in a story. - To know that my voice can create different timbres to help tell a story. - To know that Sergei Prokofiev wrote 'Peter and the Wolf' for children in 1936. 	Topic: Vocal and Body Sounds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To know that dynamics can change how someone listening feels about music. - To know that your voice can be used as a musical instrument. - To know that body percussion means making sounds with your body not your voice, eg clapping or slapping knees. - To understand that music can be represented by pictures or symbols. 	Topic: Musical Vocabulary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand that pitch means how high or low a note sounds. - To know that 'timbre' means the quality of a sound; e.g. that different instruments would sound different playing a note of the same pitch. - To know that music has layers called 'texture'. 	Topic: Pitch and Tempo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand that tempo can be used to represent mood or help tell a story. - To understand that 'tuned' instruments play more than one pitch of notes. - To know that following a leader when we perform helps everyone play together accurately. 	Topic: Classical Music, Dynamics and Tempo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand that sounds can be adapted to change their mood, e.g. through dynamics or tempo. - To know that sounds can help tell a story. - To know that tempo is the speed of the music. - To know that dynamics means how loud or soft a sound is. 	Topic: Pulse and Rhythm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To know that rhythm means a pattern of long and short notes. - To know that pulse is the regular beat that goes through music. - To understand that the pulse of music can get faster or slower. - To know that a piece of music can have more than one section, e.g. a verse and a chorus.
Year 2	Topic: Myths and Legends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I know that a graphic score can show a picture of the structure of music. - To know that a graphic score can show a picture of the layers, or 'texture', of a piece of music. - To know that 'Tintagel' is an example of a 'symphonic poem' written by Arthur Bax in 1917. 	Topic: On this Island <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To know that folk music represents the traditions or culture of a place and is often passed on by being played rather than written down. - To know that 'duration' means how long a note, phrase or whole piece of music lasts. - To know that a composition is a collection of musical elements, like the melody, percussion, dynamics etc that together make a piece of music. 	Topic: Dynamics, Timbre, Tempo and Motifs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To know that a 'soundscape' is a landscape created using only sounds. - To know that a composer is someone who creates music and writes it down. - To understand that a motif is a 'sound idea' that can be repeated throughout a piece of music. 	Topic: Orchestral Instruments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To know that musical instruments can be used to create 'real life' sound effects. - To know that woodwind instruments, like flutes, are played by blowing air into or across a mouthpiece. - To know that stringed instruments, like violins, make a sound when their strings vibrate. - To know that a brass instrument is played by vibrating your lips against the mouthpiece. - To know that some tuned instruments have a lower range of pitches and some have a higher range of pitches. 	Topic: African Call and Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To know that dynamics can change the effect a sound has on the audience. - To know that the long and short sounds of a spoken phrase can be represented by a rhythm. - To understand that structure means the organisation of sounds within music, e.g. a chorus and verse pattern in a song. - To understand that the tempo of a musical phrase can be changed to achieve a different effect. - To understand that an instrument can be matched to an animal noise based on its timbre. 	Topic: Musical Me <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand that 'melody' means a tune. - To know that 'notation' means writing music down so that someone else can play it. - To understand that 'accompaniment' can mean playing instruments along with a song. - To understand that a melody is made up from high and low pitched notes played one after the other, making a tune.

	Year 3	<p>Topic: Developing Singing Techniques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To know that the group of pitches in a song is called its 'key' and that a key decides whether a song sounds happy or sad.- To know that different notes have different durations, and that crotchets are worth one whole beat.- To understand that 'reading' music means using how the written note symbols look and their position to know what notes to play.- To know that written music tells you how long to play a note for. <p>Topic: Ballads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To know that a ballad tells a story through song.- To know that lyrics are the words of a song.- To know that in a ballad, a 'stanza' is a verse.	<p>Topic: Pentatonic Melodies and Compositions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To know that the word 'crescendo' means a sound getting gradually louder.- To know that some traditional music around the world is based on five notes called a 'pentatonic' scale.- To understand that a pentatonic melody uses only the five notes C D E G A. <p>Topic: Creating Compositions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To understand that the timbre of instruments played affect the mood and style of a piece of music.- To know that an ensemble is a group of musicians who perform together.- To know that to perform well, it is important to listen to the other members of your ensemble.	<p>Topic: Jazz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To understand that 'syncopation' means a rhythm that is played off the natural beat.- To know that Ragtime is piano music that uses syncopation and a fast tempo.- To know that jazz is a type of music that originated in the African-American communities of the USA about 120 years ago.- To know that 'scat singing' is using made-up words to create the sound of an instrument playing. <p>Topic: Traditional Instruments and Improvisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To know that Indian music uses all of the sounds in between the 12 'notes' that we are used to in western music.- To know that a 'tala' is a set rhythm that is repeated over and over, usually on the drums called 'tabla'.- To know that a 'rag' is the tune in traditional Indian music, and is often played on a stringed instrument called a 'sitar'.- To know that a 'drone' in music is a note that goes on and on, staying the same, a bit like someone humming a long-held note.- To know that many types of music from around the world consist of more than one layer of sound; for example a 'tala' and 'rag' in traditional Indian music.	<p>Topic: Adapting and Transposing Motifs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To understand that musical motifs (repeating patterns) are used as a building block in many well-known pieces of music for example, Beethoven's fifth symphony (dah dah dah dum!).- To know that 'transposing' a melody means changing its key, making it higher or lower pitched.- To know that a motif can be adapted by changing the notes, the rhythm or the order of notes. <p>Topic: Rock and Roll</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To know that rock and roll music uses blues chord structures, with a fast tempo and strong vocals. It was created after the second world war and it was intended to represent happiness.- To know that a bass line is the lowest pitch line of notes in a piece of music, and a walking bassline (where patterns of notes go up then down again) is common in rock and roll.- To know that playing in time means all performers playing together at the same speed.- To know that playing 'in time' requires playing the notes for the correct duration as well as at the correct speed.	<p>Topic: Haiku, Music and Performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To know that a glissando in music means a sliding effect played on instruments or made by your voice.- To know that expressive language (like a poem) can be used as inspiration for composing music.- To understand that both instruments and voices can create audio effects that describe something you can see.- To know that grouping instruments according to their timbre can create contrasting 'textures' in music. <p>Topic: Changes in Pitch, Tempo and Dynamics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To know that when you sing without accompaniment it is called 'A Cappella'.- To know that harmony means playing two notes at the same time that usually sound good together.- To know that an ostinato is a musical pattern that is repeated over and over; a vocal ostinato is a pattern created with your voice.- To know that 'performance directions' are words added to musical notation to tell the performers how to play.	<p>Topic: Samba and Carnival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To know that samba music originated in Brazil, South America and its main musical feature is syncopated rhythms.- To understand that the 'on beat' is the pulse of a piece of music, and the 'off beat' is beats that fall in between these.- To understand that a rhythmic break is a place in the music where some of the instruments play a new rhythm before going back to the original rhythms. <p>Topic: Body and Tuned Percussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To know that deciding the structure of music when composing can help us create interesting music with contrasting sections.- To know that combining different instruments and different rhythms when we compose can create layers of sound we call 'texture'.- To know that a 'loop' in music is a repeated melody or rhythm.- To know that changing the dynamics of a musical phrase or motif can change the texture of a piece of music.
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