

Progression in Music at Treeton C of E Primary School

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|  | EYFS | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| Listen and Appraise: Knowledge |  | To know 5 songs off by heart.To know what the songs are about.To know and recognise the sound and names of some of the instruments they use.To know some songs have a chorus or a response/answer part. To know that songs have a musical style. | To know five songs from memory and who sang them or wrote them.To know the style of the five songs.To choose one song and be able to talk about: ○ Its lyrics: what the song is about○ Any musical dimensions featured in the song, and where they are used (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm and pitch)○ Identify the main sections of the song (introduction, verse, chorus etc.)○ Name some of the instruments they heard in the songTo know five songs from memory and who sang them or wrote them. To know the style of the five songs. To choose one song and be able to talk about:Some of the style indicators of that song (musical characteristics that give the song its style).The lyrics: what the song is about.Any musical dimensions featured in the song and where they are used (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm and pitch).Identify the main sections of the song (introduction, verse, chorus etc).Name some of the instruments they heard in the song. | To know five songs from memory, who sang or wrote them, when they were written and, if possible, why?To know the style of the five songs and to name other songs from the Units in those styles.To choose two or three other songs and be able to talk about: ○ Some of the style indicators of the songs (musical characteristics that give the songs their style)○ The lyrics: what the songs are about○ Any musical dimensions featured in the songs and where they are used (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm and pitch)○ Identify the main sections of the songs (intro, verse, chorus etc.)○ Name some of the instruments they heard in the songs○ The historical context of the songs. What else was going on at this time?To know five songs from memory, who sang or wrote them, when they were written and why?To know the style of the songs and to name other songs from the Units in those styles. To choose three or four other songs and be able to talk about:○ The style indicators of the songs (musical characteristics that give the songs their style)○ The lyrics: what the songs are about ○ Any musical dimensions featured in the songs and where they are used (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm, pitch and timbre)○ Identify the structure of the songs (intro, verse, chorus etc.)○ Name some of the instruments used in the songs○ The historical context of the songs. What else was going on at this time, musically and historically?○ Know and talk about that fact that we each have a musical identity |
| Listen and Appraise: Skills | Moves to the sound of instruments.Thinks abstractly about music and expresses this physically or verbally.Associates genres of music with characters and stories.Accurately anticipates changes in music.Moves in time to the pulse of the music being listened to and physically responds to changes in the music | To learn how they can enjoy moving to music by dancing, marching, being animals or pop stars.To learn how songs can tell a story or describe an idea. | To confidently identify and move to the pulse.To think about what the words of a song mean.To take it in turn to discuss how the song makes them feel.Listen carefully and respectfully to other people’s thoughts about the music.To talk about the musical dimensions working together in the Unit songs eg if the song gets louder in the chorus (dynamics).Talk about the music and how it makes them feel.When you talk try to use musical words. | To identify and move to the pulse with ease.To think about the message of songs.To compare two songs in the same style, talking about what stands out musically in each of them, their similarities and differences.Listen carefully and respectfully to other people’s thoughts about the music.When you talk try to use musical words.To talk about the musical dimensions working together in the Unit songs.Talk about the music and how it makes you feel.Use musical words when talking about the songs.Talk about the music and how it makes you feel, using musical language to describe the music. |
| Games: Knowledge |  | To know that music has a steady pulse, like a heartbeat.To know that we can create rhythms from words, our names, favourite food, colours and animals.Rhythms are different from the steady pulse.We add high and low sounds, pitch, when we sing and play our instruments. | Know how to find and demonstrate the pulse.Know the difference between pulse and rhythm.Know how pulse, rhythm and pitch work together to create a song.Know that every piece of music has a pulse/steady beat.Know the difference between a musical question and an answer.Know and be able to talk about:How pulse, rhythm and pitch work togetherPulse: Finding the pulse – the heartbeat of the musicRhythm: the long and short patterns over the pulsePitch: High and low sounds that create melodiesHow to keep the internal pulseMusical Leadership: creating musical ideas for the group to copy or respond to | Know and be able to talk about:How pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture and structure work together and how they connect in a songHow to keep the internal pulseMusical Leadership: creating musical ideas for the group to copy or respond toHow pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture and structure work together to create a song or musicMusical Leadership: creating musical ideas for the group to copy or respond to |
| Games: Skills | Can repeat a simple clapping pattern | There are progressive Warm-up Games and Challenges within each Unit that embed pulse, rhythm and pitch. Children will complete the following in relation to the main song:Game 1 – Have Fun Finding The Pulse! Find the pulse. Choose an animal and find the pulseGame 2 – Rhythm Copy Back Listen to the rhythm and clap back. Copy back short rhythmic phrases based on words, with one and two syllables whilst marching to the steady beat.Game 3 – Rhythm Copy Back, Your Turn Create rhythms for others to copyGame 4 – Pitch Copy Back and Vocal Warm-up 1 Listen and sing back. Use your voices to copy back using ‘la’, whist marching to the steady beatGame 4a – Pitch Copy Back and Vocal Warm-up 2 Listen and sing back, and some different vocal warm-ups. Use your voices to copy back using ‘la’. | Using the Warm up Games tracks provided, complete the Bronze, Silver and Gold Challenges. Children will complete the following in relation to the main song, using two notes:1. Find the Pulse2. Rhythm Copy Back:a. Bronze: Clap and say back rhythmsb. Silver: Create your own simple rhythm patternsc. Gold: Perhaps lead the class using their simple rhythms3. Pitch Copy Back Using 2 Notesa. Bronze: Copy back – ‘Listen and sing back’ (no notation)b. Silver: Copy back with instruments, without then with notationc. Gold: Copy back with instruments, without and then with notation4. Pitch Copy Back and Vocal Warm-ups | Using the Warm up Games tracks provided, complete the Bronze, Silver and Gold Challenges. Children will complete the following in relation to the main song, using three notes:Bronze Challenge○ Find the pulse○ Copy back rhythms based on the words of the main song, that include syncopation/off beat○ Copy back one-note riffs using simple and syncopated rhythm patternsSilver Challenge○ Find the pulse○ Lead the class by inventing rhythms for others to copy back○ Copy back two-note riffs by ear and with notation○ Question and answer using two different notesGold Challenge○ Find the pulse○ Lead the class by inventing rhythms for them to copy back○ Copy back three-note riffs by ear and with notation○ Question and answer using three different notes |
| Singing: Knowledge | Sing an entire song from memory | To confidently sing or rap five songs from memory and sing them in unison.To confidently know and sing five songs from memory.To know that unison is everyone singing at the same time.Songs include other ways of using the voice e.g. rapping (spoken word).To know why we need to warm up our voices. | To know and be able to talk about:Singing in a group can be called a choir.Leader or conductor: A person who the choir or group follow.Songs can make you feel different things e.g. happy, energetic or sad.Singing as part of an ensemble or large group is fun, but that you must listen to each other.To know why you must warm up your voiceTo know and be able to talk about:Singing in a group can be called a choirLeader or conductor: A person who the choir or group followSongs can make you feel different things e.g. happy, energetic or sadSinging as part of an ensemble or large group is fun, but that you must listen to each otherTexture: How a solo singer makes a thinner texture than a large groupTo know why you must warm up your voice | To know and confidently sing five songs and their parts from memory, and to sing them with a strong internal pulse.To choose a song and be able to talk about: ○ Its main features○ Singing in unison, the solo, lead vocal, backing vocals or rapping○ To know what the song is about and the meaning of the lyrics ○ To know and explain the importance of warming up your voiceTo know about the style of the songs so you can represent the feeling and context to your audience |
| Singing: Skills | Can match pitch.Able to sing the melodic shape of familiar songs.May enjoy performing, solo and or in groups. | Learn about voices, singing notes of different pitches (high and low).Learn that they can make different types of sounds with their voices – you can rap or say words in rhythm. Learn to start and stop singing when following a leaderLearn about voices singing notes of different pitches (high and low).Learn that they can make different types of sounds with their voices – you can rap (spoken word with rhythm).Learn to find a comfortable singing position.Learn to start and stop singing when following a leader. | To sing in unison and in simple two-parts. To demonstrate a good singing posture.To follow a leader when singing.To enjoy exploring singing solo.To sing with awareness of being ‘in tune’.To have an awareness of the pulse internally when singingTo sing in unison and in simple two-parts.To demonstrate a good singing posture.To follow a leader when singing.To enjoy exploring singing solo.To sing with awareness of being ‘in tune’.To rejoin the song if lost.To listen to the group when singing. | To sing in unison and to sing backing vocals. To enjoy exploring singing solo. To listen to the group when singing.To demonstrate a good singing posture. To follow a leader when singing.To experience rapping and solo singing.To listen to each other and be aware of how you fit into the group. To sing with awareness of being ‘in tune’. |
| Playing: Knowledge |  | Learn the names of the notes in their instrumental part from memory or when written down.Learn the names of the instruments they are playing.Know the names of untuned percussion instruments played in class. | To know and be able to talk about:The instruments used in class (a glockenspiel)Other instruments they might play or be played in a band or orchestra or by their friends. | To know and be able to talk about:Different ways of writing music down – e.g. staff notation, symbolsThe notes C, D, E, F, G, A, B + C on the treble staveThe instruments they might play or be played in a band or orchestra or by their friends |
| Playing: Skills | Plays instruments (including imaginary ones such as air guitar) to match the structure of the music.Keeps a steady beat whilst playing instruments.Taps rhythms to accompany words. Creates rhythms using instruments and body percussion.May play along to the beat of the song they are singing or music being listened to.May play along with rhythm in Music. | Treat instruments carefully and with respect.Play a tuned instrumental part with the song they perform.Learn to play an instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts (a one-note part, a simple part, medium part).Listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader.Treat instruments carefully and with respect.Learn to play a tuned instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts (a one-note, simple or medium part).Play the part in time with the steady pulse. Listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader. | To treat instruments carefully and with respect.Play any one, or all of four, differentiated parts on a tuned instrument – a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of the song) from memory or using notation.To rehearse and perform their part within the context of the Unit song.To listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader.To experience leading the playing by making sure everyone plays in the playing section of the song. | Play a musical instrument with the correct technique within the context of the Unit song.Select and learn an instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts – a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of the song from memory or using notation.To rehearse and perform their part within the context of the Unit song.To listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader.To lead a rehearsal session. |
| Improvisation: Knowledge |  | Improvisation is about making up your own tunes on the spot.When someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to them.Everyone can improvise!Everyone can improvise, and you can use one or two notes. | To know and be able to talk about improvisation:Improvisation is making up your own tunes on the spot.When someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to them.To know that using one or two notes confidently is better than using five.To know that if you improvise using the notes you are given, you cannot make a mistakeTo know and be able to talk about improvisation:Improvisation is making up your own tunes on the spotWhen someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to them.To know that using one or two notes confidently is better than using fiveTo know that if you improvise using the notes you are given, you cannot make a mistakeTo know that you can use some of the riffs you have heard in the Challenges in your improvisations | To know and be able to talk about improvisation:Improvisation is making up your own tunes on the spotWhen someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to them.To know that using one, two or three notes confidently is better than using fiveTo know that if you improvise using the notes you are given, you cannot make a mistakeTo know that you can use some of the riffs and licks you have learnt in the Challenges in your improvisationsTo know three well-known improvising musicians |
| Improvisation: Skills |  | Use the improvisation tracks provided. Improvise using the three challenges:1. Clap and Improvise – Listen and clap back, then listen and clap your own answer (rhythms of words).2. Sing, Play and Improvise – Use voices and instruments, listen and sing back, then listen and play your own answer using one or two notes.3. Improvise! – Take it in turns to improvise using one or two notes. | Improvise using instruments in the context of the song they are learning to perform. Using the improvisation tracks provided, children will complete the Bronze, Silver or Gold Challenges:Bronze Challenge:○ Copy Back – Listen and sing back○ Play and Improvise – Using instruments, listen and play your own answer using one note.○ Improvise! – Take it in turns to improvise using one note.Silver Challenge:○ Sing, Play and Copy Back – Listen and copy back using instruments, using two different notes. ○ Play and Improvise – Using your instruments, listen and play your own answer using one or two notes.○ Improvise! – Take it in turns to improvise using one or two notes. | Improvise using instruments in the context of a song to be performed. Use the improvisation tracks provided and improvise using the Bronze, Silver or Gold Challenges.1. Play and Copy Back○ Bronze – Copy back using instruments. Use one note.○ Silver – Copy back using instruments. Use the two notes.○ Gold – Copy back using instruments. Use the three notes.2. Play and Improvise You will be using up to three notes:○ Bronze – Question and Answer using instruments. Use one note in your answer. ○ Silver – Question and Answer using instruments. Use two notes in your answer. Always start on a G.○ Gold – Question and Answer using instruments. Use three notes in your answer. Always start on a G.3. Improvisation! You will be using up to three notes. The notes will be provided on-screen and in the lesson plan: ○ Bronze – Improvise using one note.○ Silver – Improvise using two notes.○ Gold – Improvise using three notes.Classroom Jazz 2 – Improvise with a feeling for the style of Bossa Nova and Swing using the notes D, E, G, A + B (pentatonic scale/a five-note pattern)Improvise using instruments in the context of a song to be performed. Use the improvisation tracks provided and improvise using the Bronze, Silver or Gold Challenges.1. Play and Copy Back ○ Bronze – Copy back using instruments. Use one note.○ Silver – Copy back using instruments. Use the two notes. ○ Gold – Copy back using instruments. Use the three notes.2. Play and Improvise You will be using up to three notes:○ Bronze – Question and Answer using instruments. Use one note in your answer.○ Silver – Question and Answer using instruments. Use two notes in your answer. Always start on a G.○ Gold – Question and Answer using instruments. Use three notes in your answer. Always start on a G.3. Improvisation! You will be using up to three notes. The notes will be provided on-screen and in the lesson plan:○ Bronze – Improvise using one note.○ Silver – Improvise using two notes.○ Gold – Improvise using three notes. Classroom Jazz 2 – Improvise with a feeling for the style of Bossa Nova and Swing using the notes D, E, G, A + B (pentatonic scale/a five-note pattern) |
| Composition: Knowledge |  | Composing is like writing a story with music.Everyone can compose. | To know and be able to talk about:A composition: music that is created by you and kept in some way. It’s like writing a story. It can be played or performed again to your friends.Different ways of recording compositions (letter names, symbols, audio etc.) | To know and be able to talk about:A composition: music that is created by you and kept in some way. It’s like writing a story. It can be played or performed again to your friends.A composition has pulse, rhythm and pitch that work together and are shaped by tempo, dynamics, texture and structureNotation: recognise the connection between sound and symbol |
| Composition: Skills | Creates music based on a theme | Help to create a simple melody using one, two or three notes.Learn how the notes of the composition can be written down and changed if necessary. | Help create at least one simple melody using one, three or five different notes.Plan and create a section of music that can be performed within the context of the unit song.Talk about how it was created.Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions about pulse, rhythm, pitch, dynamics and tempo.Record the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation).Help create at least one simple melody using one, three or all five different notes.Plan and create a section of music that can be performed within the context of the unit song.Talk about how it was created.Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions about pulse, rhythm, pitch, dynamics and tempo.Record the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation). | Create simple melodies using up to five different notes and simple rhythms that work musically with the style of the Unit song.Explain the keynote or home note and the structure of the melody.Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions about how the melody connects with the song.Record the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation).Record the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation). |
| Performance: Knowledge |  | A performance is sharing music with other people, called an audience.A performance is sharing music with an audience.A performance can be a special occasion and involve a class, a year group or a whole school.An audience can include your parents and friends. | To know and be able to talk about:Performing is sharing music with other people, an audience A performance doesn’t have to be a drama! It can be to one person or to each otherYou need to know and have planned everything that will be performedYou must sing or rap the words clearly and play with confidenceA performance can be a special occasion and involve an audience including of people you don’t knowIt is planned and different for each occasionIt involves communicating feelings, thoughts and ideas about the song/musicTo know and be able to talk about:Performing is sharing music with other people, an audienceA performance doesn’t have to be a drama! It can be to one person or to each otherYou need to know and have planned everything that will be performedYou must sing or rap the words clearly and play with confidenceA performance can be a special occasion and involve an audience including of people you don’t knowIt is planned and different for each occasionIt involves communicating feelings, thoughts and ideas about the song/music | To know and be able to talk about:Performing is sharing music with other people, an audienceA performance doesn’t have to be a drama! It can be to one person or to each otherEverything that will be performed must be planned and learnedYou must sing or rap the words clearly and play with confidenceA performance can be a special occasion and involve an audience including of people you don’t knowIt is planned and different for each occasionA performance involves communicating ideas, thoughts and feelings about the song/musicTo know and be able to talk about:Performing is sharing music with an audience with belief |
| Performance: Skills | Combines moving, singing and playing instruments | Choose a song they have learnt from the Scheme and perform it.They can add their ideas to the performance.Record the performance and say how they were feeling about it.Record the performance and say how they were feeling about it. | To choose what to perform and create a programme.To communicate the meaning of the words and clearly articulate them.To talk about the best place to be when performing and how to stand or sit.To record the performance and say how they were feeling, what they were pleased with what they would change and why.Present a musical performance designed to capture the audience. | To choose what to perform and create a programme.To communicate the meaning of the words and clearly articulate them.To talk about the venue and how to use it to best effect.To record the performance and compare it to a previous performance.To discuss and talk musically about it – “What went well?” and “It would have been even better if...?” |
| Vocabulary | instrument, music, clap, beat, sing, quiet, loud, slow, quick, tap, dance, move, rhythm | Pulse, rhythm, pitch, rap, improvise, compose, melody, bass guitar, drums, decks, perform, singers, keyboard, percussion, trumpets, saxophones, Blues, Baroque, Latin, Irish Folk, Funk, pulse, rhythm, pitch, groove, audience, imagination.Keyboard, drums, bass, electric guitar, saxophone, trumpet, pulse, rhythm, pitch, improvise, compose, audience, question and answer, melody, dynamics, tempo, perform/performance, audience, rap, Reggae, glockenspiel. | Structure, intro/introduction, verse, chorus, improvise, compose, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, bass, drums, guitar, keyboard, synthesizer, hook, melody, texture, structure, electric guitar, organ, backing vocals, hook, riff, melody, Reggae, pentatonic scale, imagination, Disco.Keyboard, electric guitar, bass, drums, improvise, compose, melody, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture, structure, compose, improvise, hook, riff, melody, solo, pentatonic scale, unison, rhythm patterns, musical style, rapping, lyrics, choreography, digital/electronic sounds, turntables, synthesizers, by ear, notation, backing vocal, piano, organ, acoustic guitar, percussion, birdsong, civil rights, racism, equality. | Rock, bridge, backbeat, amplifier, chorus, bridge, riff, hook, improvise, compose, appraising, Bossa Nova, syncopation, structure, Swing, tune/head, note values, note names, Big bands, pulse, rhythm, solo, ballad, verse, interlude, tag ending, strings, piano, guitar, bass, drums, melody, cover, Old-school Hip Hop, Rap, riff, synthesizer, deck, backing loops, Funk, scratching, unison, melody, cover, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, Soul, groove, riff, bass line, brass section, harmony, melody.style indicators, melody, compose, improvise, cover, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure, dimensions of music, Neo Soul, producer, groove, Motown, hook, riff, solo, Blues, Jazz, improvise/improvisation, by ear, melody, riff, solo, ostinato, phrases, unison, Urban Gospel, civil rights, gender equality, unison, harmony. |

Where there are mixed classes we ensure that by the end of each key phase (Y2,4&6) skills are the key focus and pupils who are Y1,3&5 within those mixed classes are working towards those end of key phase targets.