



Key Curriculum Outcomes for Pre-School

Sing a song with a recognizable tune Experiment with using untuned instruments in different ways Listen to a range of composed music

<u>Dimensions:</u>	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Pitch	Explore and	Explore, respond to	Respond to,	Identify steps, leaps	Identify melodic shape	Explore, recognise and	Explore, recognise and
	respond to high	and recognise high,	recognise and	and repeated notes	and explore different	identify a range of	identify a range of
	and low sounds.	middle and low	identify higher	in melodies and	scale patterns	different scale	different scale
		sounds.	and lower sounds	begin to explore	including pentatonic,	patterns including	patterns including
			and the general	different scale	major and minor	pentatonic, major and	pentatonic, major and
			shape of	patterns e.g.		minor and could	minor and could
			melodies. Begin	pentatonic.		extend to: raga,	extend to: raga,
			to recognise			chromatic, modes, and	chromatic, modes, and
			steps, leaps and			how they influence	how they influence
			repeated notes.			music.	music.
Duration	Explore and	Explore, respond to	Respond to,	Identify how rhythm	Identify and	Identify and begin to	Identify and
	respond to long	and recognise	recognise and	patterns fit to a	understand how	understand more	understand more
	and short sounds	patterns of long and	distinguish	steady beat and	rhythm patterns fit to a	complex rhythm	complex rhythm
	and recognise the	short sounds and to	between steady	begin to understand	steady beat using 2, 3	patterns and metres	patterns and metres
	steady beat in	steady beats in	beat and rhythm	2, 3 and 4 metre.	and 4 metre.	including counting in 8	counting in 8 and 6
	music heard and	music heard and	pattern and how			and possibly 6.	and possibly 5 and 7.
	performed.	performed.	they fit together.				
Dynamics	Explore, respond	Explore, respond to,	Respond to,	Identify, use and	Explore how to use	Understand how a	Understand how a
	to and recognise	recognise and	recognise and	understand getting	dynamics for	wide range of	wide range of
	loud, quiet and	identify loud,	identify getting	louder and quieter in	expressive effect.	dynamics can be used	dynamics can be
	silence.	moderate, quiet	louder and	finer gradations.		and manipulated for	precisely used and
		and silence.	quieter.			expressive effect.	



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Tempo	Explore, respond to and recognise fast and slow.	Explore, respond to, recognise and identify fast, moderate and slow.	Respond to, recognise and identify getting faster and slower	Identify, use and understand getting faster and slower in finer gradations.	Explore how to use tempi for expressive effect.	Understand how a wide range of tempi can be used and manipulated for expressive effect.	Understand how a wide range of tempi can be precisely used and manipulated for expressive effect.
Timbre	Explore, use and respond to a range of sounds and soundmakers including vocal sound.	Use and identify families of school percussion instruments, their sound properties and explore how they could be played. Use and identify vocal sounds and explore how they could be used.	Identify and choose the way sounds are made and can be used.	Identify families of non-percussion instruments and the way they are played; extend the use of voices and percussion instruments.	Identify voice types and a wider range of non-percussion instruments by family and name: further extend the use of voices and percussion instruments.	Identify instruments within families and different instrumental / vocal combinations; refine use of voices and percussion instruments.	Identify voices / instruments within families and their role in a wider range of ensembles; refine the use of voices and percussion instruments with intended impact Texture.
Texture	Explore and respond to one sound and many sounds	Explore, respond to and recognise solo sounds and layers of sounds.	Respond to and begin to recognise and use different layers including simple accompaniments.	Identify the use and purpose of different layers in music heard, created and performed.	Identify and use different types of texture including solo, unison, ostinato parts and simple harmony e.g. drone, melodic ostinato parts.	Extend the use of simple harmony to include consonant and dissonant clusters of notes and simple chords as accompaniments.	Use a range of harmonic devices with greater awareness and understanding in different musical contexts.
Structure	Explore and respond to sequences of events and stories,	Explore, respond to and recognise simple structures including openings and endings (AB),	Respond to, recognise and identify a range of repetition and contrast	Develop understanding of conventional structures including binary (AB) and	Develop understanding of extended conventional structures including Rondo (ABACADA) and	Explore and use a wider range of developmental structures (e.g. ABA, Rondo, 12 bar blues,	Use a broader range of developmental structures and expressive structures.(see year 5)



	distinguish	beginning-middle-	structures	ternary (ABA),	identify the more	theme and variations)	
	between same	end, echoes and	including Q and A,	introductions and	subtle development of	and expressive	
	and different.	responses.	verse and chorus,	codas. Explore the	musical ideas – similar	structures e.g.	
			ABA	use of simple	but not the same for	Leitmotif.	
				ostinato (short	example simple theme		
				repeated patterns)	and variations. Further		
					develop use of		
					ostinato.		
Skills:	Explore and use	Explore and use	Explore and use	Explore the use of	Use the voice as an	Extend imaginative	Further extend
Singing	vocal sounds,	vocal sounds, chant	vocal tones, chant	the voice as an	instrument, chant and	vocal use, chant and	imaginative vocal use,
	talking and	and sing rhymes	and sing a wider	instrument, chant	sing expressively in	sing in layers including	chant and sing in
	singing voice in	and songs	variety of rhymes	and sing with	layers including more	simple part songs with	balanced parts with
	response to	illustrating	and songs with an	developing	complex rounds and	expressive	expressive
	character and / or	character and / or	awareness of	expression and	partner songs.	interpretation and	interpretation and
	mood. Chant and	mood building	character and/ or	awareness in simple		awareness of style.	awareness of style.
	sing familiar	rhythmic and	mood. Use simple	layers, including			
	rhymes and songs	melodic memory.	vocal patterns as	rounds and partner			
	or sections of		accompaniments.	songs.			
	songs from						
	memory.						
Playing	Explore and use a	Explore and use an	Demonstrate	Develop	Develop fluency when	Demonstrate accurate	Demonstrate precise
	range of sounds	increased range of	accuracy and	instrumental skills	using instrumental	and fluent	and confident
	including body	sounds (including	control of correct	and techniques and	skills and techniques	instrumental skills and	instrumental skills and
	sounds, other	body sounds)	technique on a	use them to play	and play with accuracy	use them to perform	use them to perform
	sound makers	beginning to use	range of untuned	with increased	and increased	with musical	with musical
	and classroom	correct percussion	and tuned	accuracy and	musicality.	awareness.	awareness.
	percussion	techniques and	percussion	growing musicality			
	beginning to	showing awareness	instruments.				
	develop control	of the use of the	Begin to play with				
	and accuracy.	dominant hand.	musical intent.				



Rehearsing & performing	Sing and play individually and in a group, starting and stopping together and following simple directions.	Sing and play in time and follow a range of simple directions including ideas about how to improve	Sing and play in time and follow a wider range of simple directions, develop awareness of why and how to improve.	Recognise why and when to improve and start to develop basic individual and group rehearsal skills.	Recognise which improvements need to be made and use individual and group rehearsal skills.	Recognise which refinements need to be made and explore a range of different rehearsal strategies.	Recognise which refinements need to be made and know how to make them.
Notating	Respond to and recognise musical ideas represented and communicated through 3D objects, picture cues, signs and symbols including those illustrating the musical dimensions.	Respond to and recognise signs, symbols and other basic graphic notation including those illustrating the musical dimensions.	Respond to, identify and use symbols and other graphic notation illustrating the musical dimensions including representations of rhythm and pitch.	Identify and use a range of graphic notation including basic rhythm and pitch notation. Introduce basic stave notation.	Understand and use detailed graphic notation. Use basic stave notation.	Understand, select and use a range of notation for specific purposes including detailed graphic notation and core stave notation.	Understand, select and use a range of notation for specific purposes including precise graphic notation and stave notation.
Listening & responding	Explore, enjoy and respond to sounds from different sources and musical moods, features and changes and how music makes you feel.	Explore, respond to, recognise and identify sounds from different sources and musical moods, features and changes/ contrasts and how music makes you feel.	Respond to, identify, and distinguish between sounds and music in different contexts. Begin to consider how music illustrates the composer's ideas.	Respond to, identify, compare and contrast sounds and music in different contexts and for different purposes. Consider how music illustrates the composer's ideas	Respond to, identify, compare and contrast sounds and music in different contexts and for different purposes. Consider the devices used by composers to represent ideas musically.	Respond to, identify, compare and contrast music with an awareness of the music's context and purpose. Understand and identify why and how the composer has used key features / devices.	Respond to, identify, compare and contrast music with an awareness of the music's context and purpose. Understand and identify the composer's intent and how this was achieved.



Describing &	Talk about sounds	Think and talk	Think and talk	Describe, discuss and	Describe, discuss and	Discuss and share	Discuss and share
discussing	and music and	about sounds and	about what you	start to share	share opinions about	informed opinions	informed opinions
	think about how	music and how they	hear, begin to	opinions about what	what you hear, the	about what you hear	about what you hear
	they make you	make you feel. Use	explore the ideas	you hear, the impact	context / purpose and	commenting on the	commenting on the
	feel. Begin to use	key words relating	behind the music	of the music and the	impact of the music	context / purpose and	context / purpose and
	key words	to the dimensions.	and how they	composers ideas and	and the composers'	impact of the music.	impact of the music.
	relating to the		make you feel.	choices using a	use of musical devices	Consider the	Consider the
	dimensions.		Use key words	growing musical	using a growing	composer's musical	composer's musical
			relating to the	vocabulary	musical vocabulary.	use of key features /	intent and how it was
			dimensions.			devices using a musical	achieved using a fluent
						vocabulary.	musical vocabulary.