



Music Links - Nursery, Reception

EYFS Statutory Educational Programme: The development of children's artistic and cultural awareness supports their imagination and creativity. It is important that children have regular opportunities to engage with the arts, enabling them to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials. The quality and variety of what children see, hear and participate in is crucial for developing their understanding, self-expression, vocabulary and ability to communicate through the arts. The frequency, repetition and depth of their experiences are fundamental to their progress in interpreting and appreciating what they hear, respond to and observe.

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Taken from Non-Statutory guidance Development Matters	Taken from Non-Statutory guidance	Early Learning Goal at the end of		
3- & 4-Year Olds will be learning to:	Development Matters	Reception children at the expected level		
	Reception will be learning to:	of development will:		
Listen with increased attention to sounds. Respond to what	Listen attentively, move to and talk about	Being Imaginative and Expressive		
they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings.	music, expressing their feelings and	ELG:		
	responses.	Invent, adapt and recount narratives and		
Remember and sing entire songs. Sing the pitch of a tone		stories with peers and their teacher;		
sung by another person ('pitch match'). Sing the melodic	Watch and talk about dance and	·		
shape (moving melody, such as up and down, down and	performance art, expressing their feelings	Sing a range of well-known nursery		
up) of familiar songs. Create their own songs or improvise	1.	rhymes and songs;		
a song around one they know.		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
	Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly	Perform songs, rhymes, poems and		
Play instruments with increasing control to express their		stories with others, and – when		
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Music Key Stage 1, Year 1

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Prior Knowledge			
Listen with increased attention to sounds.	Remember and sing entire songs. Sing the pitch	Remember and sing entire songs. Sing the	Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the
Respond to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings.	of a tone sung by another person ('pitch match'). Sing the melodic shape (moving melody, such as	pitch of a tone sung by another person ('pitch match'). Sing the melodic shape	pitch and following the melody.
Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses.	up and down, down and up) of familiar songs. Create their own songs or improvise a song around one they know.	(moving melody, such as up and down, down and up) of familiar songs. Create their own songs or improvise a song around one they know.	
Watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing their feelings and responses.	Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody.	Play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas.	
Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate try to move in time with music.	Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs.	Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the	
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	others, and – when appropriate try to move in time with music.	Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs.	
Appraising	Singing	Performing	Composing & Improvising
Move in time to music with different tempi.	Explore how voices can be used in different ways.	Identify and maintain a steady pulse when listening to a piece of music.	Can generate simple rhythms in time and demonstrate them using body percussion and/or untuned percussion.
Can identify the mood of a piece of music and			
move their body to express their feelings.	Can sing in a group, in time and with vocal balance.	Sing in time and in tune.	Can make patterns with sounds and record as a graphic score.
Can respond to music and play rhythms patterns		Play untuned percussion with control using	
using body percussion.	Can develop vocal skills by rehearsing often and singing in tune.	a variety of tempi and dynamics.	Can compose a short piece of music using vocal sounds (humming, whispers, whistles)
Hear and describe sounds such as		Can perform to an audience.	
environmental sounds or some instruments.	Can identify and use high voice, middle voice, low voice (pitch).	Can combine a rhythm pattern and maintain a steady beat.	
	Can sing a variety of call & response African		
	songs.	Can play simple polyrhythms on un-tuned percussion instruments (African music).	
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Music Key Stage 1, Year 2

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Identify and maintain a steady pulse when	Explore how voices can be used in different		Can generate simple rhythms in time and
listening to a piece of music.	ways.	Sing in time and in tune.	demonstrate them using body percussion and/or untuned percussion.
Move in time to music with different tempi.	Can sing in a group, in time and with vocal balance.	Play untuned percussion with control using a variety of tempi and dynamics.	Can make patterns with sounds and record as a
Can identify the mood of a piece of music and move their body to express their feelings.	Can develop vocal skills by rehearsing often.	Can perform to an audience.	graphic score.
Can respond to music and play rhythms patterns using body percussion.	Can identify and use high voice, middle voice, low voice (pitch).	Can combine a rhythm pattern and maintain a steady beat.	Can compose a short piece of music using vocal sounds (humming, whispers, whistles)
Hear describe sounds such as environmental sounds or some instruments.	Can sing a variety of call & response African songs.	Can play simple polyrhythms on un-tuned percussion instruments (African music).	
Appraising	Singing	Performing	Composing & Improvising
Can keep a steady beat while using chant, actions, and instruments.	Can identify differences in pitch through listening and singing.	Can perform a steady beat using a range of untuned percussion.	Begin to write rhythms in simple form using 4 beats per bar.
Can identify the mood of a piece of music and use instruments to interpret their feelings.	Can develop vocals skills by rehearsing often and singing in tune.	Can perform to an audience and apply simple performance criteria.	Can generate simple rhythms using 4/4 time to a given pulse.
Can use their bodies to react to different elements of music.	Can sing in tune and in the correct key as part of a group.	Can perform in a group singing two part songs.	Can use crochets and rests in their own rhythm compositions.
Can respond to music and play rhythms patterns using untuned percussion.	Can sing songs with new structures such as verses, choruses and bridges.	Can use tuned percussion to play simple ostinato to accompany a song.	Can compose pitch lines and demonstrate them in front of peers.
Can identify tempo and dynamics in classical music.		Can perform a song using a vocal range (high, middle and low).	Can share ideas and communicate in pairs and groups to compose and rehears effectively as a
		Can play instrumental accompaniment as a group and as a part of an orchestra.	team.





Music Key Stage 2, Year 3				
Prior Knowledge				
Can keep a steady beat while using chant, actions, and instruments.	Can identify differences in pitch through listening and singing.	Can perform a steady beat using a range of untuned percussion.	Begin to write rhythms in simple form using 4 beats per bar.	
Can identify the mood of a piece of music and use instruments to interpret their feelings.	Can develop vocals skills by rehearsing often and singing in tune.	Can perform to an audience and apply simple performance criteria.	Can generate simple rhythms using 4/4 time to a given pulse.	
Can use their bodies to react to different elements of music.	Can sing in tune and in the correct key as part of a group.	Can perform in a group singing two part songs.	Can use crochets and rests in their own rhythm compositions.	
Can respond to music and play rhythms patterns using untuned percussion.	Can sing songs with new structures such as verses, choruses and bridges.	Can use tuned percussion to play simple ostinato to accompany a song.	Can compose pitch lines and demonstrate them in front of peers.	
Can identify tempo and dynamics in classical music.		Can perform a song using a vocal range (high, middle and low). Can play instrumental accompaniment as a group and as a part of an orchestra.	Can share ideas and communicate in pairs and groups to compose and rehears effectively as a team.	
Appraising	Singing	Performing	Composing &Improvising	
Listen actively to a range of music styles and artists (reggae, R&B, soul, gospel).	Can use voice and actions to perform simple rhythms and repeated patterns (ostinato), within a steady beat.	Can perform as part of a group to an audience. Can perform simple rhythmic and melodic patterns on an instrument to accompany a piece of music.	Can improvise and perform using a glockenspiel. Can compose simple accompaniment using notes	
Identify voices and instruments from a range of different songs.	Can sing expressively in time to the beat and rhythm.	Can follow and play simple notated score.	C, D and E.	
Can understand how music can be organised in sequences.	Can sing and perform in tune and with confidence a simple two-part arrangement.	Perform on a variety of percussion instruments in small groups and as a part of an ensemble.	Can use rhythm grids to compose rhythm patterns. Can layer compositions and use them in a group performance.	
Can identify the different parts in a song.	Can control the pitch of their voice to sing more accurately.	To show solo performance on a tuned instrument.	Can experiment with a range of instruments to accompany a song.	





Music Key Stage 2, Year 4

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Prior Knowledge			
Listen actively to a range of music styles and artists (reggae, R&B, soul, gospel). Identify voices and instruments from a range of different songs.	Can use voice and actions to perform simple rhythms and repeated patterns (ostinato), within a steady beat. Can sing expressively in time to the beat and rhythm.	Can perform as part of a group to an audience. Can perform simple rhythmic and melodic patterns on an instrument to accompany a piece of music. Can follow and play simple notated score.	Can improvise and perform using a glockenspiel. Can compose simple accompaniment using notes C, D and E.
Can understand how music can be organised in sequences.	Can sing and perform in tune and with confidence a simple two-part arrangement.	Perform on a variety of percussion instruments in small groups and as a part of an ensemble.	Can use rhythm grids to compose rhythm pattern Can layer compositions and use them in a group performance.
Can identify the different parts in a song.	Can control the pitch of their voice to sing more accurately.	To show solo performance on a tuned instrument.	Can experiment with a range of instruments to accompany a song.
Appraising	Singing	Performing	Composing & Improvising
Listen to a song naming and explaining the different parts of the ukulele.	Can sing and perform in front of an audience, being accompanied by an instrument.	Can perform simple strumming patterns. Can play the chord of C.	Can experiment, a range of rhythm and strummin techniques.
Identify the different sounds that ukulele strings make.	Can play the chord of F and play along with songs.	Can keep in time and play along with songs using the chord of C.	Can create own rhythm/ strumming pattern. Can compose own lyrics to complete an unfinishe
Understand the ukulele tuning and identify when the instrument is in tune or out of tune	Can play and sing in a round (Frere Jaques).	Can play the chord of G and play along with songs.	song.
Understand the difference between notes and chords.	Can sing a variety of children songs and accompany themselves with the ukulele. Can sing and perform a variety of modern songs	Can change from C to G fluently. Can play the chord of F and can play along with songs using F, C and G.	Can use known chords to compose a verse pattern.
Can hold the ukulele correctly, name the different parts and understand the tuning.	expressively and using some of the interrelated dimensions of music learnt in previous years.	Can play the chord of A minor. Can follow a song sheet with chords.	
To identify and perform dynamics (ff, mf, mp, pp)		Can accompany songs using all four chords maintaining simple rhythms in 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4 time.	





Music Key Stage 2, Year 5

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Listen to a song naming and explaining the different parts of the ukulele.

Identify the different sounds that ukulele strings make.

Understand the ukulele tuning and identify when the instrument is in tune or out of tune..

Understand the difference between notes and chords

Can hold the ukulele correctly, name the different parts and understand the tuning.

To identify and perform dynamics (ff, mf, mp, pp)

Can sing and perform in front of an audience, being accompanied by an instrument.

Can play the chord of F and play along with songs.

Can play and sing in a round (Frere Jacques).

Can sing a variety of children songs and accompany themselves with the ukulele.

Can sing and perform a variety of modern songs expressively and using some of the interrelated dimensions of music learnt in previous years.

Can perform simple strumming patterns. Can play the chord of C.

Can keep in time and play along with songs using the chord of C.

Can play the chord of G and play along with songs.

Can change from C to G fluently.

Can play the chord of F and can play along with songs using F, C and G.

Can play the chord of A minor. Can follow a song sheet with chords.

Can accompany songs using all four chords maintaining simple rhythms in 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4 time.

Can experiment, a range of rhythm and strumming techniques.

Can create own rhythm/ strumming pattern.

Can compose own lyrics to complete an unfinished song

Can use known chords to compose a verse pattern.

Appraising

Understands the structure of Jazz music and its relevance in history.

Can identify the different parts of a Jazz piece of music.

Can name the instruments of a 3/4/5 piece Jazz band.

Listen critically to a range of musical compositions and be able to highlight the focus idea in the songs.

To describe the structure of pieces of music from a variety of styles.

Singing

Can sing in two parts confidently (keeping in tune and maintaining rhythm).

Can sing in a group using melody and counter melody. Can recognise syncopated rhythms and perform with confidence.

(Preparation for iSing at Philharmonic Hall) Can:

- Maintain a part in a 3 part round.
- Sing using a backing track.
- Sing in harmony
- Sing with expression using dynamics.

Performing
Can perform expressively in Christmas production using voice or instruments (group or solo).

Can sing in groups and separate part.

Can sing accurately in a wider range of keys.

Can perform own compositions and rehearsed pieces with increased control and accuracy on tuned instruments.

Can show understanding of varied dynamics, pitch and tempo.

Composing & Improvising
Can accompany a performance using a variety of

classroom instruments, taking into account, dynamics, tempo and expression.

Can compose and perform Jazz ensembles using tuned percussion.

Can experiment using root notes and pentatonic scale and improvise during performance.

Building on knowledge of chord structure (Y4) can arrange an accompaniment for a song.

Can compose on instruments (tuned and untuned) using a variety of rhythms.





Music Key Stage 2, Year 6

Prior Knowledge	,
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Understands the structure of Jazz music and its relevance in history.

Can identify the different parts of a Jazz piece of music

Can name the instruments of a 3/4/5 piece Jazz band.

Listen critically to a range of musical compositions and be able to highlight the focus idea in the songs.

To describe the structure of pieces of music from a variety of styles.

Can sing in two parts confidently (keeping in tune and maintaining rhythm).

Can sing in a group using melody and counter melody. Can recognise syncopated rhythms and perform with confidence.

(Preparation for iSing at Philharmonic Hall) Can:

- Maintain a part in a 3 part round.
- Sing using a backing track.
- Sing in harmony

Sing with expression using dynamics.

Can perform expressively in Christmas production using voice or instruments (group or solo).

Can sing in groups and separate part.

Can sing accurately in a wider range of keys.

Can perform own compositions and rehearsed pieces with increased control and accuracy on tuned instruments.

Can show understanding of varied dynamics, pitch and tempo.

Can accompany a performance using a variety of classroom instruments, taking into account, dynamics, tempo and expression.

Can compose and perform Jazz ensembles using tuned percussion

Can experiment using root notes and pentatonic scale and improvise during performance.

Building on knowledge of chord structure (Y4) can arrange an accompaniment for a song.

Can compose on instruments (tuned and untuned) using a variety of rhythms.

Appraising

Can compare pieces thinking about texture, structure, timbre and dynamics and use to enhance their performance.

Understands the structure of Jazz and Blues music and its relevance in history.

Can recognise a blues scale

Can listen and identify different genres of music and place them on a timeline.

Can compare differences between same songs performed in different style.

Singing

To use a variety of vocal warm-ups and understand and explain the importance of these.

Sing expressively combining dynamics, tempo and pitch.

Can sing using harmony/ descant.

Maintain a part in a 4 part round.

Perform for an audience showing control of voice, keep tune and applying the interrelated dimensions of music.

Performing Can use prior knowledge of Interrelated Dimensions

and apply them to enhance their Christmas production.

Can perform a Jazz melody using a whole scale and staff notation.

Can use root notes over a 12 bar blues.

Can use a wide variety of voice, body percussion and untuned percussion to create a rhythmical composition in a group.

Composing & Improvising

Can creatively use rhythm patterns in composition and layer sounds to create effect.

Compose using a variety of rhythmic and sound organisation techniques, building texture and layers.

Can compose and improvise using 12 bar blues. (Scat/instrumental)

Improvise using the blues pentatonic scale.

Improvise on tuned instruments to a Jazz piece using an 8 note scale.