

The Progression of Knowledge and Skills

Musicianship:

Understanding Music

Use body percussion, instruments and voices.

In the key centres of: C major, G major, D major, F major and A minor.

In the time signatures of: 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 5/4 and 6/8.

Find and keep a steady beat.

Listen and copy rhythmic patterns made of dotted minims, minims, dotted crotchets, crotchets, dotted quavers, triplet quavers, quavers, semiquavers and their rests, by ear or from notation.

Copy back melodic patterns using the notes:

C, D, E

C, D, E, F, G, A, B

D, E, F#, G, A

A, B, C, D, E, F#, G

F, G, A, B, C, D, E

G, A, B, C, D, E, F#

Listening:

Respond/Analyse

Talk about feelings created by the music.

Justify a personal opinion with reference to Musical Elements.

Find and demonstrate the steady beat.

Identify 2/4, 3/4, 6/8 and 5/4 metre.

Identify the musical style of a song or piece of music.

Identify instruments by ear and through a range of media.

Discuss the structure of the music with reference to verse, chorus, bridge, repeat signs, chorus and final chorus, improvisation, call and response, and AB form.

Explain a bridge passage and its position in a song.

Recall by ear memorable phrases heard in the music.

Identify major and minor tonality.

Recognise the sound and notes of the pentatonic and Blues scales, by ear and from notation.

Explain the role of a main theme in musical structure.

Know and understand what a musical introduction is and its purpose.

Explain rapping.

Recognise the following styles and any key musical features that distinguish the style: 20th and 21st Century Orchestral, Gospel, Pop, Minimalism, Rock n' Roll, South African, Contemporary Jazz, Reggae, Film Music, Hip Hop, Funk, Romantic and Musicals.

Singing

Rehearse and learn songs from memory and/or with notation.

Sing in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4 and 6/8 time.

Sing in unison and parts, and as part of a smaller group.

Sing 'on pitch' and 'in time'.

Sing a second part in a song.

Self-correct if lost or out of time.

Sing expressively, with attention to breathing and phrasing.

Sing expressively, with attention to dynamics and articulation.

Develop confidence as a soloist.

Talk about the different styles of singing used for different styles of song.

Talk confidently about how connected you feel to the music and how it connects in the world.

Respond to a leader or conductor.

Notation

Explore ways of representing high and low sounds, and long and short sounds, using symbols and any appropriate means of notation.

Explore standard notation, using minims, dotted crotchets, crotchets, quavers and semiquavers, and simple combinations of:

C, D, E, F, G, A, B

F, G, A, B \flat , C, D, E

G, A, B, C, D, E, F \sharp

C, G, A \flat , B \flat

G, G \sharp , A, B \flat , C

D, E, F, G, A, B, C

E \flat , F, G, A \flat , B \flat , C, D \flat

Identify:

- Stave
- Treble clef
- Time signature

Read and respond to minims, crotchets, quavers, dotted quavers and semiquavers.

Recognise how notes are grouped when notated.

Identify the stave and symbols on the stave (such as the treble clef), the name of the notes on lines and in spaces, barlines, a flat sign and a sharp sign.

Further understand the differences between semibreves, minims, crotchets and crotchet rests, paired quavers and semiquavers.

Understand the differences between 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4 time signatures.

Read and perform pitch notation within an octave (eg C–C'/do–do).

Playing Instruments

Rehearse and learn to play a simple melodic instrumental part by ear or from notation, in C major, F major, G major, E \flat major, C minor and D minor.

Play melodies on tuned percussion, melodic instruments or keyboards, following staff notation written on one stave and using notes within the middle C–C'/do–do range. This should initially be done as a whole class, with greater independence gained each lesson through smaller group performance.

Playing the Recorder

Rehearse and learn to play one of four differentiated instrumental parts by ear or from notation, in the tonal centres of C major, F major, G major, E \flat major, C minor and D minor.

Creating: Improvising

Explore improvisation within a major scale, using the notes:

C, D, E \flat , F, G

C, D, E, F, G

C, D, E, G, A

F, G, A, B \flat , C

D, E, F, G, A

Improvise over a simple groove, responding to the beat and creating a satisfying melodic shape.

Experiment with using a wider range of dynamics, including very loud (fortissimo), very quiet (pianissimo), moderately loud (mezzo forte) and moderately quiet (mezzo piano).

Creating: Composing

Create music in response to music and video stimulus.

Use music technology, if available, to capture, change and combine sounds.

Start to use structures within compositions, eg introduction, multiple verse and chorus sections, AB form or ABA form (ternary form).

Use chords to compose music to evoke a specific atmosphere, mood or environment.

Use simple dynamics.

Use rhythmic variety.

Compose song accompaniments, perhaps using basic chords.

Use a wider range of dynamics, including fortissimo (very loud), pianissimo (very quiet), mezzo forte (moderately loud) and mezzo piano (moderately quiet).

Use full scales in different keys.

Understand how chord triads are formed and play them on tuned percussion, melodic instruments or keyboards. Perform simple, chordal accompaniments.

Create a melody using crotchets, quavers and minims, and perhaps semibreves and semiquavers, plus all equivalent rests. Use a pentatonic and a full scale. Use major and minor tonality:

F, G
F, G, A
F, G, A, B ♭
F, G, A, B ♭, C
Start and end on the note F (F major)

G, A
G, A, B
G, A, B, C
G, A, B, C, D
Start and end on the note G (G major)

G, A
G, A, B
G, A, B, D
G, A, B, D, E
Start and end on the note G (Pentatonic on G)

D, E
D, E, F
D, E, F, G
D, E, F, G, A
Start and end on the note D (D minor)

E ♭, F
E ♭, F, G
E ♭, F, G, B ♭
E ♭, F, G, B ♭, C
Start and end on the note E ♭ (E ♭ major)

Performing

Create, rehearse and present a holistic performance for a specific purpose, for a friendly but unknown audience.

Perhaps perform in smaller groups, as well as the whole class.

Perform a range of repertoire pieces and arrangements combining acoustic instruments, to form mixed ensembles, including a school orchestra.

Perform from memory or with notation, with confidence and accuracy.

Include instrumental parts/improvisatory sections/composed passages within the rehearsal and performance.

Explain why the song was chosen, including its composer and the historical and cultural context of the song.

A student leads part of the rehearsal and part of the performance.

Record the performance and compare it to a previous performance; explain how well the performance communicated the mood of each piece.

Discuss and talk musically about the strengths and weaknesses of a performance.

Collect feedback from the audience and reflect how future performances might be different.

Connecting Across the Curriculum**Topics include:**

- School
- Heroes
- The solar system
- Space
- Freedom