

Music Curriculum Overview

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Reception	Chants (Rhythm/Pulse) Rhythmical stories Rounds and tongue twisters Chants from different cultures and music genres	Instruments and Symbols Pitched and unpitched Loud and Quiet sequences Interpretive symbols: loud, quiet, fast, slow, low, high	Pitched and Un-pitched
Year 1	Fast and Slow Movement Tempo/Meter Fast and Slow to moving image	Long and Short (duration)	Loud and Quiet Composing Single and combined Sound Patterns
Year 2	Dynamics Loud/Quiet Crescendos and diminuendos High and Low instrumental dynamics	Texture Thick/thin Homophonic Polyphonic	Timbre Sound and Instrument exploration 'Ensemble' combinations Dynamics
Year 3	Pulse/Rhythm Pulse Talas Rhythm and ostinatos	Graphic Notation High and Low cards Creative instructions Cells	Improvisation
Year 4	High and Low (pitch) Simple melodic patterns Improvisation Texture and Dynamics	Scales (pentatonic/modes) Pentatonics Indian modes (resulting moods) Tonics/Drones	Musical Notation History of notation Graphic Notation Basic Notation activities through games
Year 5	Structure Ternary form Rondo form Structure through texture	Melody/Accompaniment	Chords Intervals Major/Minor triads Clusters
Year 6	Instrumental songs Repertoire of short songs Use of contrasting rhythms and dynamics Scales and improvisation	Composing Introduction to sharps and flats A minor scale and arpeggio F major scale and arpeggio	 Ear training Sight reading Extending knowledge of instruments ranges/pitches