Progression of Music Knowledge and Skills





Strand 7: Performance (Perform the Song)

| | Curriculum Skills and Elements | Key Learning The children will learn: | National Curriculum The National Curriculum for Music says that pupils should be taught to: |
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| Year 1 | Performing Listening Following a leader Playing Singing Improvising Composing Making decisions Pulse Rhythm Pitch Tempo Dynamics Timbre Texture Structure | To rehearse a song and then perform it to an audience, explaining why the song was chosen. To add actions and perhaps movement to the song. To perform the song from memory. To follow the leader or conductor. To talk about the performance afterwards; saying what they enjoyed and what they think could have been better. When planning, rehearsing, introducing and performing the song: Introduce the performance (any connection to the Social Theme is an added bonus). Begin to play tuned and untuned instruments musically within the performance. To show their understanding of the Musical Spotlight and Social Theme, and how they have influenced their performance. | Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes. Play tuned and untuned instruments musically. |
| Year 2 | Performing Listening Following a leader Playing Singing Improvising Composing | To rehearse a song and then perform it to an audience, explaining why the song was chosen. To add actions to the song. | Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes. Play tuned and untuned instruments musically. |

| | Pulse Rhythm Pitch Tempo Dynamics Timbre Texture Structure | To show a simple understanding of the Musical Spotlight and Social Theme, and how they have influenced their performance. To perform the song from memory. To follow the leader or conductor. To talk about the performance afterwards, saying what they enjoyed and what they think could have been better | |
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| Year 3 | Performing Listening Playing Singing Improvising Composing Notation Pulse Rhythm Pitch Tempo Dynamics Timbre Texture Structure | To plan, rehearse and perform a song to an audience that has been learned in the lesson, from memory or with notation, with confidence. To explain why the song was chosen. To show their understanding of the Musical Spotlight and Social Theme, and how they have influenced their performance. To follow the leader or conductor. To talk about the strengths of the performance, how they felt and what they would like to change. To introduce the performance with an understanding of what the song is about and to comment on any other relevant connections. To include any actions, instrumental parts/improvisatory ideas/composed passages within the rehearsal and in the performance. To reflect on feelings about sharing and performing, eg excitement, nerves, enjoyment, etc. • | Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression |
| Year 4 | Performing Listening Playing | • To rehearse and enjoy the opportunity to share what has been learnt in the lessons. | Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical |

| | Singing Improvising Composing Notation Pulse Rhythm Pitch Tempo Dynamics Timbre Texture Structure | To perform, with confidence, a song from memory or using notation. To play and perform melodies following staff notation, using a small range of notes, as a whole class or in small groups. To include instrumental parts/improvisatory sections/composed passages within the rehearsal and performance. To explain why the song was chosen, including its composer and the historical and cultural context of the song. To communicate the meaning of the words and articulate them clearly. To reflect on the performance and how well it suited the occasion. To discuss and respond to any feedback; to consider how future performances might be different | instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression |
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| Year 5 | Performing Listening Playing Singing Improvising Composing Notation Pulse Rhythm Pitch Tempo Dynamics Timbre Texture Structure | To create, rehearse and present a holistic performance for a specific purpose, for a friendly but unfamiliar audience. (Perhaps) to perform in smaller groups, as well as the whole class. To perform a range of repertoire pieces and arrangements combining acoustic instruments to form mixed ensembles, including a school orchestra. To perform from memory or with notation, with confidence and accuracy. To include instrumental parts/improvisatory sections/composed passages within the rehearsal and performance. | Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression |

| | | To explain why the song was chosen, including its composer and the historical and cultural context of the song. | |
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| | | A student leads part of the rehearsal and part of the performance. | |
| | | • To record the performance and compare it to a previous performance; to explain how well the performance communicated the mood of each piece. | |
| | | To discuss and talk musically about the strengths and weaknesses of a performance. | |
| | | To collect feedback from the audience and reflect on how future performances might be different. | |
| Year 6 | Performing Listening Playing | • To create, rehearse and present a holistic performance for a specific event, for an unfamiliar audience. | Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical |
| | Singing Improvising Composing Notation | To perform a range of songs as a choir in school assemblies, school performance opportunities and for a wider audience. | instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression |
| | Pulse Rhythm Pitch | To create, rehearse and present a holistic performance with a detailed understanding of the musical, cultural and historical contexts. | |
| | Tempo Dynamics | • To perform from memory or with notation. | |
| | Timbre Texture Structure | To understand the value of choreographing any aspect of a performance. | |
| | | • To understand the importance of a performing space and how to use it. | |
| | | A student or a group of students to rehearse and lead parts of the performance. | |

| | • To record the performance and compare it to a previous performance. | |
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| | • To collect feedback from the audience and reflect on how the audience believed in the performance. | |
| | • To discuss how the performance might change if it was repeated in a larger/smaller performance space. | |