

Music Progression in Disciplinary Skills at Fawkham CEP School



EYFS	Year 1/2 (Cycle	Year 1/2 (Cycle B)	Year 3/4 (Cycle A)	Year 3/4 (Cycle B)	Year 5/6 (Cycle A)	Year 5/6 (Cycle
	A)					B)
Term 1	Term 1	Term 1	Term 1	Term 1	Term 1	Term 1
Exploring sound	Pulse and rhythm	Dynamics, timbre, temp,	Body and tuned percussion	Ballads	Film Music	Looping and remixing
	(Theme- All about me)	and motifs	(Theme: Rainforest)	(Violin lessons with Mrs		
Term 2		(Theme- Space)	(Violin lessons with Mrs	Norris)Kent Music Hub	Term 2	Term 2
Celebration music	Term 2		Norris)Kent Music Hub		Composition notation	Blues
	Classical music,	Term 2		Term 2	(Theme- Ancient Egyptians)	
Term 3	dynamics and tempo	Vocal and body sounds	Term 2	(Violin lessons with Mrs		Term 3
Music and	(Theme- Animals)	(Theme- By the Sea)	(Violin lessons with Mrs	Norris)Kent Music Hub	Term 3	Dynamics, pitch and
movement			Norris)Kent Music Hub		Musical theatre	texture
	Term 3	Term 3		Term 3		(Theme-Coast-Fingal
Term 4	Pitch and tempo	Musical Vocabulary	Term 3	Pentatonic melodies and	Term 4	cave by Mendelssohn
Musical stories	(Theme- Superheroes)	(Under the sea)	Changes in pitch, tempo and	composition	Theme and variation	
			dynamics (Theme- Rivers)	(Theme- CNY)	(Theme-Pop Art)	Term 4
Term 5	Term 4	Term 4	(Violin lessons with Mrs	(Violin lessons with Mrs		Composition to
Transport	Musical me	Timbre and rhythmic patterns (Theme-	Norris)Kent Music Hub	Norris)Kent Music Hub	Term 5 Songs of WW2	represent the festival of colour
Term 6	Term 5	Fairvtales)	Term 4	Term 4		(Theme-Holi)
Big Band	On this Island (British	• ,	(Violin lessons with Mrs	(Violin lessons with Mrs	Term 6	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
ð	songs and sounds)	Term 5	Norris)Kent Music Hub	Norris)Kent Music Hub	Composing & performing a	Term 5
	,	West African call and	,	,	leavers' song	South and West Afric
	Term 6	response song (Theme-	Term 5	Term 5		
	Orchestral instruments	Animals)	Developing singing	Adapting and transposing		Term 6
	(Theme- Traditional	,	techniques (Theme- The	motifs		Composing &
	western stories)	Term 6	Vikings)	(Theme- Romans)		performing a leavers
	1	Myths and legends	(Violin lessons with Mrs	(Violin lessons with Mrs		song
		•	Norris)Kent Music Hub	Norris)Kent Music Hub		8
			Term 6	Term 6		
			(Violin lessons with Mrs Norris)Kent Music Hub	(Violin lessons with Mrs Norris)Kent Music Hub		

Listening						
EYFS	Year 1 units	Year 2 units	Year 3 units	Year 4 units	Year 5 units	Year 6 units
Responding to music through movement, altering movement to reflect the tempo, dynamics or pitch of the music. Exploring lyrics by suggesting appropriate actions. Exploring the story behind the lyrics or music. Listening to and following a beat using body percussion and instruments. *Considering whether a piece of music has a fast, moderate or slow tempo. Listening to sounds and matching them to the object or instrument. *Listening to sounds and identifying high and low pitch. Listening to and repeating a simple rhythm. Listening to and repeating simple lyrics. Understanding that different instruments make different sounds and grouping them accordingly.	Recognising and understanding the difference between pulse and rhythm. *Understanding that different types of sounds are called timbres. *Recognising basic tempo, dynamic and pitch changes (faster/slower, louder/quieter and higher/lower). Describing the character, mood, or 'story' of music they listen to, both verbally and through movement. Describing the differences between two pieces of music. Expressing a basic opinion about music (like/dislike). Listening to and repeating short, simple rhythmic patterns. Listening and responding to other performers by playing as part of a group.	Recognising timbre changes in music they listen to. Recognising structural features in music they *listen to. Listening to and recognising instrumentation. *Beginning to use musical vocabulary to describe music. Identifying melodies that move in steps. Listening to and repeating a short, simple melody by ear. Suggesting improvements to their own and others' work.	Discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary (Indian, classical, Chinese, Battle Songs, Ballads, Jazz). Understanding that music from different parts of the world has different features. *Recognising and explaining the changes within a piece of music using musical vocabulary. *Describing the timbre, dynamic, and textural details of a piece of music, both verbally, and through movement. Beginning to show an awareness of metre. *Beginning to use musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) when discussing improvements to their own and others' work.	Recognising the use and development of motifs in music. *Identifying gradual dynamic and tempo changes within a piece of music. Recognising and discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary (Samba, Rock and Roll). Identifying common features between different genres, styles and traditions of music. *Recognising, naming and explaining the effect of the interrelated dimensions of music. *Identifying scaled dynamics (crescendo/decrescendo) within a piece of music. *Using musical vocabulary to discuss the purpose of a piece of music. *Using musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) when discussing improvements to their own and others' work.	Recognising and confidently discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary. (South African, West African, Musical, Theatre, Blues, Dance Remix.). *Representing the features of a piece of music using graphic notation, and colours, justifying their choices with reference to musical vocabulary. *Comparing, discussing and evaluating music using detailed musical vocabulary. *Developing confidence in using detailed musical vocabulary (related to the interrelated dimensions of music) to discuss and evaluate their own and others' work.	Discussing musical eras in context, identifying how they have influenced each other, and discussing the impact of different composers on the development of musical styles. Recognising and confidently discussing the stylistic features of music and relating it to other aspects of the Arts (Pop art, Film music). *Representing changes in pitch, dynamics and texture using graphic notation, justifying their choices with reference to musical vocabulary. Identifying the way that features of a song can complement one another to create a coherent overall effect. *Use musical vocabulary correctly when describing and evaluating the features of a piece of music. Evaluating how the venue, occasion and purpose affects the way a piece of music sounds. *Confidently using detailed musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) to discuss and evaluate their own and others work.

Composing						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Playing untuned percussion 'in time' with a piece of music. Selecting classroom objects to use as instruments. Experimenting with body percussion and vocal sounds to respond to music. Selecting appropriate instruments to represent action and mood. Experimenting with playing instruments in different ways.	Selecting and creating short sequences of sound with voices or instruments to represent a given idea or character. Combining instrumental and vocal sounds within a given structure. Creating simple melodies using a few notes. *Choosing dynamics, tempo and timbre for a piece of music. Creating a simple graphic score to represent a composition. Beginning to make improvements to their work as suggested by the teacher.	Selecting and creating longer sequences of appropriate sounds with voices or instruments to represent a given idea or character. *Successfully combining and layering several instrumental and vocal patterns within a given structure. Creating simple melodies from five or more notes. *Choosing appropriate dynamics, tempo and timbre for a piece of music. Using letter name and graphic notation to represent the details of their composition. Beginning to suggest improvements to their own work.	Composing a piece of music in a given style with voices and instruments (Battle Song, Indian Classical, Jazz, Swing). Combining melodies and rhythms to compose a multilayered composition in a given style (pentatonic). *Using letter name and rhythmic notation (graphic or staff), and key musical vocabulary to label and record their compositions. *Suggesting and implementing improvements to their own work, using musical vocabulary.	Composing a coherent piece of music in a given style with voices, bodies and instruments. Beginning to improvise musically within a given style. Developing melodies using rhythmic variation, transposition, inversion, and looping. *Creating a piece of music with at least four different layers and a clear structure. *Using letter name, graphic and rhythmic notation and key musical vocabulary to label and record their compositions. *Suggesting improvements to others' work, using musical vocabulary	Composing a detailed piece of music from a given stimulus with voices, bodies and instruments (Remix, Colours, Stories, Drama). Improvising coherently within a given style. *Combining rhythmic patterns (ostinato) into a multi-layered composition using all the inter-related dimensions of music to add musical interest. Using staff notation to record rhythms and melodies. *Selecting, discussing and refining musical choices both alone and with others, using musical vocabulary with confidence. Suggesting and demonstrating improvements to own and others' work	Improvising coherently and creatively within a given style, incorporating given features. Composing a multi-layered piece of music from a given stimulus with voices, bodies and Instruments. Composing an original song, incorporating lyric writing, melody writing and the composition of accompanying features, within a given structure. *Developing melodies using rhythmic variation, transposition and changes in dynamics, pitch and texture. Recording own composition using appropriate forms of notation and/or technology and incorporating. *Constructively critique their own and others' work, using musical vocabulary

Performing						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Using their voices to join in with well-known songs from memory. Remembering and maintaining their role within a group performance. Moving to music with instruction to perform actions. Participating in performances to a small audience. Stopping and starting playing at the right time.	Using their voices expressively to speak and chant. Singing short songs from memory, maintaining the overall shape of the melody and keeping in time. Maintaining the pulse (play on the beat) using hands, and tuned and untuned instruments. Copying back short rhythmic and melodic phrases on percussion instruments. *Responding to simple musical instructions such as tempo and dynamic changes as part of a class performance. Performing from graphic notation.	Using their voices expressively when singing, including the use of basic dynamics (loud and quiet). Singing short songs from memory, with melodic and rhythmic accuracy. Copying longer rhythmic patterns on untuned percussion instruments, keeping a steady pulse. *Performing expressively using dynamics and timbre to alter sounds as appropriate. Singing back short melodic patterns by ear and playing short melodic patterns from letter notation.	Singing songs in a variety of musical styles with accuracy and control, demonstrating developing vocal technique. Singing and playing in time with peers, with some degree of accuracy and awareness of their part in the group performance. *Performing from basic staff notation, incorporating rhythm and pitch and being able to identify these symbols using musical terminology.	Singing longer songs in a variety of musical styles from memory, with accuracy, control, fluency and a developing sense of expression including control of subtle dynamic changes. Singing and playing in time with peers with accuracy and awareness of their part in the group performance. Playing melody parts on tuned instruments with accuracy and control and developing instrumental technique. Playing syncopated rhythms with accuracy, control and fluency	Singing songs in two or more parts, in a variety of musical styles from memory, with accuracy, fluency, control and expression. *Working as a group to perform a piece of music, adjusting dynamics and pitch according to a graphic score, keeping in time with others and communicating with the group. Performing with accuracy and fluency from graphic and simple staff notation. Playing a simple chord progression with accuracy and fluency.	Singing songs in two or more secure parts from memory, with accuracy, fluency, control and expression. *Working as a group to perform a piece of music, adjusting the interrelated dimensions of music as required, keeping in time with others and communicating with the group. Performing a solo or taking a leadership role within a performance. Performing with accuracy and fluency from graphic and staff notation and from their own notation. Performing by following a conductor's cues and directions.

History of music								
Year 3		Year 4	Year 4				Year 6	
Understanding the different times ha (Also part of the l	s different features.	stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary. (Also part of the		Confidently discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music and explaining how these have developed over time. (Also part of the Listening strand)		Discussing musical eras in context, identifying how they have influenced each other, and discussing the impact of different composers on the development of musical styles. (Also part of the Listening strand)		
The inter related dimensions of music								
Pitch								
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3		Year 4		Year 5	Year 6
TD 1 4 1	To understand that	To know that some	To know that the		To know that a bass line		nderstand that a	To know that the

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
To understand that what 'high' and 'low' notes are.	To understand that pitch means how high or low a note sounds. To understand that 'tuned' instruments play more than one pitch of notes.	To know that some tuned instruments have a lower range of pitches and some have a higher range of pitches. To understand that a melody is made up from high and low pitched notes played one after the other, making a tune.	To know that the group of pitches in a song is called its 'key' and that a key decides whether a song sounds happy or sad. To know that some traditional music around the world is based on fivenotes called a 'pentatonic' scale. To understand that a pentatonic melody uses only the five notes C D E G A.	To know that a bass line is the lowest pitch line of notes in a piece of music, and a walking bassline (where patterns of notes go up then down again) is common in rock and roll. To know that a glissando in music means a sliding effect played on instruments or made by your voice. To know that 'transposing' a melody means changing its key, making it higher or lower pitched.	To understand that a minor key (pitch) can be used to make music sound sad. To understand that major chords create a bright, happy sound. To know that a 'bent note' is a note that varies in its pitch, eg the pitch may slide up or down. To understand that varying effects can be created using only your voice, for example by changing the pitch, dynamic or tempo of the sounds made.	To know that the Solfa syllables represent the pitches in an octave. To understand that 'major' key signatures use note pitches that sound cheerful and upbeat. To understand that 'minor' key signatures use note pitches that can suggest sadness and tension. To know that a melody can be adapted by changing its pitch.

The inter related Duration	dimensions of musi	ic				
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
To recognise	To know that	To know that	To know that different	To know that combining	To know that 'poly-	To understand
that different	rhythm means a	'duration' means how	notes have different	different instruments	rhythms' means many	that all types of
sounds can be	pattern of long and	long a note, phrase or	durations, and that	playing different	different rhythms	music notation
long or short.	short notes.	whole piece of music	crotchets are worth	rhythms creates layers	played at once. To	show note
		lasts. To know that	one whole beat. To	of sound called	know that the duration	duration. To
		the long and short	know that written	'texture'. To know that	of a note or phrase in	understand that
		sounds of a spoken	music tells you how	playing 'in time'	music can be shown	representing beats
		phrase can be	long to play a note for.	requires playing the	using a repeated	of silence or
		represented by a		notes for the correct	symbol or the size of a	'rests' in written
		rhythm.		duration as well as at	symbol on a graphic	music is
				the correct speed. To	score.	important as it
				know that a motif in		helps us play
				music can be a repeated		rhythms correctly. To know that a
				rhythm.		
						quaver is worth half a beat, a
						crotchet one
						whole beat and a
						minim two whole
						beats.
The inter related	dimensions of mus	ic				ocaes.
Dynamics		•				
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
To understand	To know that	To know that	To know that the word	To know that changing	To understand that varying	To know that a
that instruments	dynamics means how loud or soft a sound is.	dynamics can change	'crescendo' means a	the dynamics of a	effects can be created using	melody can be
can be played	To understand that	the effect a sound has	sound getting	musical phrase or motif	only your voice, for example by changing the pitch,	adapted by
loudly or softly.	sounds can be adapted	on the audience.	gradually louder.	can change the texture	dynamic or tempo of the	changing its
	to change their mood,			of a piece of music.	sounds made.	dynamics.
	eg through dynamics.					

The inter related	dimensions of music	•
Tempo		

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
To recognise	To know that the	To understand that	To know that playing in	time means all	To understand that a	To know that a
music that is	'pulse' is the	the tempo of a	performers playing toge	ther at the same speed.	slow tempo can be used	melody can be
'fast' or 'slow'.	steady beat that	musical phrase can			to make music sound	adapted by
To understand	goes through	be changed to			sad. To understand that	changing its
that we can	music. To know	achieve a different			varying effects can be	dynamics, pitch
match our body	that tempo is the	effect.			created using only your	or tempo.
movements to	speed of the				voice, for example by	
the speed	music.				changing the pitch,	
(tempo) or pulse					dynamic or tempo of	
(beat) of music.					the sounds made.	
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The inter related dimensions of music Timbre

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
To know that	To know that	To know that	To understand that the	To know that grouping	To understand that	To know that
different	'timbre' means the	musical instruments	timbre of instruments	instruments according	human voices have	timbre can also be
instruments can	quality of a sound;	can be used to create	played affect the mood	to their timbre can	their own individual	thought of as
sound like a	eg that different	'real life' sound	and style of a piece of	create contrasting	timbre, and that this can	'tone colour' and
particular	instruments would	effects. To	music.	'textures' in music. To	be adapted by using the	can be described
character. To	sound different	understand an		understand that both	voice in different ways.	in many ways eg
recognise that	playing a note of	instrument can be		instruments and voices		warm or cold,
voices and	the same pitch. To	matched to an animal		can create audio effects		rich or bright.
instruments can	know that my	noise based on its		that describe something		
imitate sounds	voice can create	timbre.		you can see.		
from the world	different timbres					
around us (eg.	to help tell a story.					
vehicles).						

The inter related dimensions of music

Texture						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
To know that	To know that	To know that a	To know that many	To know that combining	To understand that a	To understand that
music often has	music has layers	graphic score can	types of music from	different instruments	chord is the layering of	texture can be
more than one	called 'texture'.	show a picture of the	around the world	and different rhythms	several pitches played	created by adding
instrument being		layers, or 'texture', of	consist of more than	when we compose can	at the same time. To	or removing
played at a time.		a piece of music.	one layer of sound; for	create layers of sound	know that poly-rhythms	instruments in a
			example a 'tala' and	we call 'texture'. To	means many rhythms	piece and can
			'rag' in traditional	understand that	played at once.	create the effect of
			Indian music.	harmony means playing		dynamic change.
				two notes at the same		To know that a
				time, which usually		'counter-subject' or 'counter-melody'
				sound good together.		provides contrast
						to the main
						melody. To know
						that a counter-
						melody is different
						to harmony
						because it uses a
						different rhythm as
						well as
						complementary
						notes. To know
						that a 'polyphonic'
						texture means lots
						of individual
						melodies layered
						together, like in a
						canon.

The inter related	dimensions of music
Structure	

Structure								
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
To recognise the chorus in a familiar song	To know that a piece of music can have more than one section, eg a versed and a chorus.	To understand that structure means the organisation of sounds within music, eg a chorus and verse pattern in a song.	To know that in a ballad, a 'stanza' means a verse. To know that music from different places often has different structural features, eg traditional Chinese music is based on the five-note pentatonic scale.	To know that deciding the structure of music when composing can help us create interesting music with contrasting sections. An ostinato is a musical pattern that is repeated over and over; a vocal ostinato is a pattern created with your voice. To understand that musical motifs (repeating patterns) are used as a building block in many well-known pieces of music	To know that a loop is a repeated rhythm or melody, and is another word for ostinato. To know that 12-bar Blues is a sequence of 12 bars of music, made up of three different chords.	To know that a chord progression is a sequence of chords that repeats throughout a song. To know that a canon is a musical structure or 'form' in which an opening melody is imitated by one or more parts coming in one by one. To know that a 'theme' in music is the main melody and that 'variations' are when this melody has been changed in some way. To know that ground bass is a repeating melody played on a bass instrument in Baroque music.		

The inter related	dimensions of music
Notation	

Notation										
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6				
To know that	To understand that	To know that	To understand that	To know that	To know that simple	To know that				
signals can tell	music can be	'notation' means	'reading' music means	'performance	pictures can be used to	'graphic notation'				
us when to start	represented by	writing music down	using how the written	directions' are words	represent the structure	means writing				
or stop playing.	pictures or	so that someone else	note symbols look and	added to music notation	(organisation) of music.	music down using				
	symbols.	can play it I know	their position to know	to tell the performers	To understand that in	your choice of				
		that a graphic score	what notes to play	how to play.	written staff notation,	pictures or				
		can show a picture of			notes can go on or	symbols but 'staff				
		the structure and / or			between lines, and that	notation' means				
		texture of music.			the lines show the pitch	music written				
					of the note.	more formally on				
						the special lines				
						called 'staves'. To				
						know that chord				
						progressions are				
						represented in				
						music by Roman				
						numerals.				