



Music Skills progression map



	Playing and performing	Listening and reviewing	Creating and composing	Singing	Vocabulary
FS2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform any of the nursery rhymes by singing and adding actions or dance. • Perform any nursery rhymes or songs adding a simple instrumental part. • Record the performance to talk about 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn that music can touch your feelings. • To enjoy moving to music by dancing, marching, being animals or Pop stars. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To sing along with a pre-recorded song and add actions. • To sing along with the backing track. 	
Y1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat instruments carefully and with respect. • Play a tuned instrumental part with the song they perform. • Learn to play an instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts (a one-note part, a simple part, medium part). • Listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader. • Choose a song they have learnt from the Scheme and perform it. • They can add their ideas to the performance. • Record the performance and say how they were feeling about it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn how they can enjoy moving to music by dancing, marching, being animals or pop stars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help to create a simple melody using one, two or three notes. • Learn how the notes of the composition can be written down and changed if necessary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about voices, singing notes of different pitches (high and low). • Learn that they can make different types of sounds with their voices – you can rap or say words in rhythm. • Learn to start and stop singing when following a leader. 	Pulse, rhythm, pitch, rap, improvise, compose, melody, bass guitar, drums, decks, perform, singers, keyboard, percussion, trumpets, saxophones, Blues, Baroque, Latin, Irish Folk, Funk, pulse, rhythm, pitch, groove, audience, imagination
Y2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat instruments carefully and with respect. • Learn to play a tuned instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts (a one-note, simple or medium part). • Play the part in time with the steady pulse. • Listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader. • Choose a song they have learnt from the Scheme and perform it. • They can add their ideas to the performance. • Record the performance and say how they were feeling about it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn how they can enjoy moving to music by dancing, marching, being animals or pop stars. • To learn how songs can tell a story or describe an idea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help create three simple melodies with the Units using one, three or five different notes. • Learn how the notes of the composition can be written down and changed if necessary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about voices singing notes of different pitches (high and low). • Learn that they can make different types of sounds with their voices – you can rap (spoken word with rhythm). • Learn to find a comfortable singing position. • Learn to start and stop singing when following a leader. 	Keyboard, drums, bass, electric guitar, saxophone, trumpet, pulse, rhythm, pitch, improvise, compose, audience, question and answer, melody, dynamics, tempo, perform/performance, audience, rap, Reggae, glockenspiel.

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Y3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To treat instruments carefully and with respect. ● Play any one, or all of four, differentiated parts on a tuned instrument – a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of the song) from memory or using notation. ● To rehearse and perform their part within the context of the Unit song. ● To listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader. ● To choose what to perform and create a programme. ● To communicate the meaning of the words and clearly articulate them. ● To talk about the best place to be when performing and how to stand or sit. ● To record the performance and say how they were feeling, what they were pleased with what they would change and why. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To confidently identify and move to the pulse. ● To think about what the words of a song mean. ● To take it in turn to discuss how the song makes them feel. ● Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Help create at least one simple melody using one, three or five different notes. ● Plan and create a section of music that can be performed within the context of the unit song. ● Talk about how it was created. ● Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions about pulse, rhythm, pitch, dynamics and tempo. ● Record the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To sing in unison and in simple two-parts. ● To demonstrate a good singing posture. ● To follow a leader when singing. ● To enjoy exploring singing solo. ● To sing with awareness of being 'in tune'. ● To have an awareness of the pulse internally when singing. 	Structure, intro/introduction, verse, chorus, improvise, compose, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, bass, drums, guitar, keyboard, synthesizer, hook, melody, texture, structure, electric guitar, organ, backing vocals, hook, riff, melody, Reggae, pentatonic scale, imagination, Disco
Y4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To treat instruments carefully and with respect. ● Play any one, or all four, differentiated parts on a tuned instrument – a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of the song from memory or using notation. ● To rehearse and perform their part within the context of the Unit song. ● To listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader. ● To experience leading the playing by making sure everyone plays in the playing section of the song. ● To choose what to perform and create a programme. ● Present a musical performance designed to capture the audience. ● To communicate the meaning of the words and clearly articulate them. ● To talk about the best place to be when performing and how to stand or sit. ● To record the performance and say how they were feeling, what they were pleased with what they would change and why 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To confidently identify and move to the pulse. ● To talk about the musical dimensions working together in the Unit songs eg if the song gets louder in the chorus (dynamics). ● Talk about the music and how it makes them feel. ● Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music. ● When you talk try to use musical words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Help create at least one simple melody using one, three or all five different notes. ● Plan and create a section of music that can be performed within the context of the unit song. ● Talk about how it was created. ● Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions about pulse, rhythm, pitch, dynamics and tempo. ● Record the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To sing in unison and in simple two-parts. ● To demonstrate a good singing posture. ● To follow a leader when singing. ● To enjoy exploring singing solo. ● To sing with awareness of being 'in tune'. ● To rejoin the song if lost. ● To listen to the group when singing. 	Keyboard, electric guitar, bass, drums, improvise, compose, melody, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture, structure, compose, improvise, hook, riff, melody, solo, pentatonic scale, unison, rhythm patterns, musical style, rapping, lyrics, choreography, digital/electronic sounds, turntables, synthesizers, by ear, notation, backing vocal, piano, organ, acoustic guitar, percussion, birdsong, civil rights, racism, equality.

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Y5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Play a musical instrument with the correct technique within the context of the Unit song. ● Select and learn an instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts – a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of the song from memory or using notation. ● To rehearse and perform their part within the context of the Unit song. ● To listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader. ● To lead a rehearsal session ● To choose what to perform and create a programme. ● To communicate the meaning of the words and clearly articulate them. ● To talk about the venue and how to use it to best effect. ● To record the performance and compare it to a previous performance. ● To discuss and talk musically about it – “What went well?” and “It would have been even better if...?” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To identify and move to the pulse with ease. ● To think about the message of songs. ● To compare two songs in the same style, talking about what stands out musically in each of them, their similarities and differences. ● Listen carefully and respectfully to other people’s thoughts about the music. ● When you talk try to use musical words. ● To talk about the musical dimensions working together in the Unit songs. ● Talk about the music and how it makes you feel. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create simple melodies using up to five different notes and simple rhythms that work musically with the style of the Unit song. ● Explain the keynote or home note and the structure of the melody. ● Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions about how the melody connects with the song. ● Record the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To sing in unison and to sing backing vocals. ● To enjoy exploring singing solo. To listen to the group when singing. ● To demonstrate a good singing posture. ● To follow a leader when singing. ● To experience rapping and solo singing. ● To listen to each other and be aware of how you fit into the group. ● To sing with awareness of being ‘in tune’. 	Rock, bridge, backbeat, amplifier, chorus, bridge, riff, hook, improvise, compose, appraising, Bossa Nova, syncopation, structure, Swing, tune/head, note values, note names, Big bands, pulse, rhythm, solo, ballad, verse, interlude, tag ending, strings, piano, guitar, bass, drums, melody, cover, Old-school Hip Hop, Rap, riff, synthesizer, deck, backing loops, Funk, scratching, unison, melody, cover, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, Soul, groove, riff, bass line, brass section, harmony, melody
Y6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Play a musical instrument with the correct technique within the context of the Unit song. ● Select and learn an instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts – a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of the song from memory or using notation. ● To rehearse and perform their part within the context of the Unit song. ● To listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader. ● To lead a rehearsal session. ● To choose what to perform and create a programme. ● To communicate the meaning of the words and clearly articulate them. ● To talk about the venue and how to use it to best effect. ● To record the performance and compare it to a previous performance. ● To discuss and talk musically about it – “What went well?” and “It would have been even better if...?” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To identify and move to the pulse with ease. ● To think about the message of songs. ● To compare two songs in the same style, talking about what stands out musically in each of them, their similarities and differences. ● Listen carefully and respectfully to other people’s thoughts about the music. ● Use musical words when talking about the songs. ● To talk about the musical dimensions working together in the Unit songs. ● Talk about the music and how it makes you feel, using musical language to describe the music. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create simple melodies using up to five different notes and simple rhythms that work musically with the style of the Unit song. ● Explain the keynote or home note and the structure of the melody. ● Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions about how the melody connects with the song. ● Record the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To sing in unison and to sing backing vocals. ● To demonstrate a good singing posture. ● To follow a leader when singing. ● To experience rapping and solo singing. ● To listen to each other and be aware of how you fit into the group. ● To sing with awareness of being ‘in tune’ 	style indicators, melody, compose, improvise, cover, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure, dimensions of music, Neo Soul, producer, groove, Motown, hook, riff, solo, Blues, Jazz, improvise/improvisation, by ear, melody, riff, solo, ostinato, phrases, unison, Urban Gospel, civil rights, gender equality, unison, harmony.

Definition of key terms:

- Pulse – the regular heartbeat of the music; its steady beat.
- Rhythm – long and short sounds or patterns that happen over the pulse.
- Pitch – high and low sounds.
- Tempo – the speed of the music; fast or slow or in-between.
- Dynamics – how loud or quiet the music is.
- Texture – layers of sound. Layers of sound working together make music very interesting to listen to.
- Structure – every piece of music has a structure e.g. an introduction, verse and chorus ending.
- Notation – the link between sound and symbol.