

Skills Progression for Music



Strand	Stage One	Stage Two	Stage Three	Stage Four	Stage Five	Stage Six	Stage Seven
Performing Listen to, review and evaluate music	Join in with familiar rhymes, songs and chants.	Sing simple songs from memory with accuracy of pitch.	Sing with increasing expression.	Sing with awareness of breathing and diction.	Sing with awareness of dynamics, phrasing and pitch control.	Make use of a range of expressive elements in own performance.	Select and make expressive use of tempo, dynamics, phrasing and timbre etc.
across a range of historical periods, genres, styles cultures and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians	Recognise and explore how sounds can be made and changed.	Organise a limited range of sounds in different ways.	Explore ways in which sounds can be combined and used expressively.	Explore a range of musical genres.	Compare, contrast and combine a range of musical genre.	Explain the processes of a range of musical genre and styles.	Explain the processes and contexts of a range of musical genre and styles.
	Repeat and copy short rhythmic and melodic patterns.	Perform simple patterns and accompaniments keeping to a steady pulse.	Perform with control of pulse and awareness of what others are playing.	Maintain a simple part within an ensemble or choral group.	Maintain an increasingly complex part in an ensemble or choral group	Maintain a complex part in an ensemble or choral group	Maintain a complex part in a large ensemble or choral group with multiple parts.
Composition & Appraisal Learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence	Create and choose sounds in response to simple starting points.	Choose and order sounds within simple structures, e.g. beginning, middle and end.	Improvise repeated patterns and create layers of sounds.	Improvise melodic and rhythmic phrases as part of a group performance.	Improve melodic and rhythmic phrases using a range of simple structures.	Improve and compose using elements of different genres and styles.	Improve and compose using elements of a range of different genres and styles.
	Recognise and identify changes in sounds and melodies.	Recognise how musical elements can be used to create different effects.	Recognise how musical elements are combined and used expressively.	Combine musical elements to create a score.	Use musical ideas and structures to compose a score.	Use harmonic and non- harmonics devices to develop musical ideas and effects.	Use a wide range of harmonic and non-harmonic devices to create a range of musical ideas and effects.
	Represent sounds with symbols using pictures.	Represent changing sounds with symbols, e.g. high/low, fast/slow.	Represent sounds and musical direction with symbols to create a simple score.	Begin to use musical notation and devices, e.g. melody, and rhythms to create a score.	Use musical notation and devices, e.g. melody, and rhythms, chords and structure, to create a score.	Use notation and appropriate musical devices, e.g. melody, and rhythms, chords and structure, to create a score with more than one part.	Use appropriate notation to effectively plan, revise and refine a musical score.
		Identify ways of improving own work.	Talk about the impact of changes made to improve work.	Compose, improve and perform simple melodies and songs.	Compare, improve and perform an increasing range of melodies and songs with more than one part.	Compare, improve and perform a range of melodies and songs combining different parts.	Compare, improve and perform a range of melodies and songs for different audiences, from different cultures.
Musical Elements Understand and	Identify high and low sounds in the environment.	Recognise and reproduce high and low sounds.	Compare and contrast sounds according to pitch .	Explore combinations or clusters based on pentatonic scales, e.g. C-CDEGA	Explore and use simple eight note scales, e.g. C to C or five note pentatonic scales.	Create and perform musical pieces containing more than one pentatonic scale.	Create and perform musical pieces in more than one key.
explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through	Identify long and short sounds in the environment.	Recognise and reproduce long and short sounds.	Compare and contrast sounds according to duration. Compare and contrast sounds	Improvise a repeated pattern (Ostinato).	Create and use three note chords, e.g. CEG, (root, third, fifth).	Create an accompaniment using a range of repeating chords.	Create increasingly complex accompaniments using a range of repeating chords.
the inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.	Identify loud and soft sounds in the environment.	Recognise and reproduce loud and soft sounds.	according to dynamics. Compare and contrast sounds according to tempo.	Use notation associated with duration, e.g. crochet-one beat, minim- two beats, quaver-half beat,	Use notation associated with duration, e.g. crochet-one beat, minim-two beats, semi-breve-four beats, quaver-half	Use knowledge of notation to depict rhythmic phrases and patterns.	Use knowledge of notation to depict, discuss and adapt rhythmic phrases and patterns.
	Identify fast and slow sounds in the environment.	Recognise and reproduce fast and slow sounds.	Explore the effect of silence.	Recognise differences in dynamic levels, e.g. soft, loud etc	beat, semi-quaver-quarter beat, a rest etc. Recognise features such as crescendo, diminuendo.	Recognise a range of dynamic features including, accents, sfz etc.	Use dynamic markings to create an expressive performance.
	Listen to and repeat simple patterns of sounds.	Establish a steady beat.	Use a cyclical pattern (fixed number of beats repeated continuously)	Gain awareness that the top number of a time signature denotes the number of beats in each bar, the metre.	Identify and create more complex patterns, maintaining own part.	Invent a complex cyclical pattern using beats and patterns of different lengths.	Invent an increasing range of complex cyclical pattern using beats and patterns of different
	Use everyday language to describe to sounds.	Explore similarities and difference between contrasting musical elements. Use simple musical vocabulary to describe sounds.	Use simple musical vocabulary to describe both sounds and the way they are produced.	Create and perform linear and cyclical patterns.	Recognise the difference between unison and harmony.	Explore complex structures containing more than one melody.	lengths. Use two or more melodies to create a complex structure.
		Develop an awareness of songs with repeated phrases and rounds,	Develop an awareness of rounds, call and response, marching songs and sea shanties.	Listen to, discuss and analyse simple songs with verse and chorus, and Rondo.	Listen to, discuss and analyse hooks, riffs and musical clichés.	Listen to, discuss and analyse ballads and groove form hooks.	Identify the characteristics of a concerto, overture etc.