

Gosford Park Primary School

	Skills to be taught (key vocabulary in italics)	Examples
Singing	Sing simple songs, CHANTS and rhymes (e.g.	Sing for Pleasure: Boom Chicka
	Boom Chicka Boom) from memory, singing	Boom
	collectively and at the same PITCH , responding to	 Voices Foundation: Have you
	simple visual directions (e.g.stop, start, loud,	Brought your Whispering
	quiet) and counting in.	Voice?
	Begin with simple songs with a very small range,	 Voices Foundation: Hello,
	MI-SO (e.g. Hello, How are You),	How are You
	and then slightly wider (e.g. Bounce High, Bounce	Bance: Copy Kitten
	Low). Include pentatonic songs	Voicelinks: I'm a Train
	(e.g. Dr Knickerbocker).	Bounce High, Bounce Low
	• Sing a wide range of CALL AND RESPONSE songs	Singing Sherlock: Dr
	(e.g. Pretty Trees Around the World	Knickerbocker
	from Rhythms of Childhood), to control vocal	Dragon Dance
	pitch and to match the pitch they hear	• Trad. Bangladesh: Mo matchi
	with accuracy.	(Song of the Bees)
		• Trad. Ghana: Kye Kye Kule
		• Trad. England: An Acre of
		Land
Listening	Rondo alla Turca – Mozart - Classical	
	Mars from The Planets - Holst - 20th Century	
	Art Pop - Wild Man - Kate Bush	
	Blues - Runaway Blues - Ma Rainey	
	Brazil - Samba - Fanfarra (Cabua-Le-Le) - Sérgio	
	Mendes/Carlinhos Brown	
Composing	Improvise simple vocal chants, using QUESTION AND ANSWER phrases.	
	Create musical sound effects and short	
	SEQUENCES of sounds in response to stimuli, e.g.	
	a rainstorm or a train journey. Combine to make a	
	story, choosing and playing classroom instruments	
	(e.g. rainmaker) or sound-makers (e.g. rustling	
	leaves).	
	Understand the difference between creating a	
	RHYTHM pattern and a PITCH pattern.	
	Invent, retain and recall rhythm and pitch	
	patterns and perform these for others,	
	taking turns.	
	Use music technology, if available, to capture,	
	change and combine sounds.	
	Recognise how graphic notation can represent	
	created sounds. Explore and invent	
	own symbols,	0.00 / 0.00 /

Year 1 Music

	Musicianship	
Pulse/Beat	Walk, move or clap a steady BEAT with others, changing the speed of the beat as the TEMPO of the music changes. • Use BODY PERCUSSION, (e.g. clapping, tapping, walking) and CLASSROOM PERCUSSION (shakers, sticks and blocks, etc.), playing repeated rhythm patterns (ostinati) and short, pitched patterns on TUNED INSTRUMENTS (e.g. chime bars) to maintain a steady beat. • Respond to the PULSE in recorded/live music through movement and dance, e.g. o Stepping (e.g. Mattachins from Capriol Suite by Warlock), o Jumping (e.g. Trepak from The Nutcracker	
	by Tchaikovsky) o Walking on tiptoes (e.g. Scherzo from The Firebird Suite by Stravinsky).	
Rhythm	Perform short copycat rhythm patterns accurately, led by the teacher. • Perform short repeating rhythm patterns (ostinati) while keeping in time with a steady beat. • Perform word-pattern chants (e.g. ca-ter-pillar crawl, fish and chips); create, retain	Ca-ter- pil-lar crawl Fish and chips
Pitch	 and perform their own rhythm patterns. Listen to sounds in the local school environment, comparing high and low sounds. Sing familiar songs in both low and high voices and talk about the difference in sound. Explore percussion sounds to enhance storytelling, e.g. ascending xylophone notes to suggest Jack climbing the beanstalk, quiet sounds created on a rainstick/shakers to depict a shower, regular strong beats played on a drum to replicate menacing footsteps. Follow pictures and symbols to guide singing and playing, e.g. 4 dots = 4 taps on the drum. 	

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Singing	Skills to be taught (key vocabulary in BOLD) Sing songs regularly with a PITCH range of DO-SO with increasing vocal control. • Sing songs with a small pitch range (e.g. Rain, Rain Go Away), pitching accurately. • Know the meaning of DYNAMICS (loud/quiet) and TEMPO (fast/slow) and be able to demonstrate these when singing by responding to (a) the leader's directions and (b) visual symbols (e.g. CRESCENDO, DECRESCENDO, PAUSE)	• Little Sally Saucer • Trad. Star Light, Star Bright, First Star I See Tonight • Trad. Hey, Hey, Look at Me • Trad. Rain, Rain Go Away • Trad. Acka Backa • Voicelinks: The King is in the Castle • Young Voiceworks: Ebeneezer Sneezer • Trad. Oats and Beans and Barley Grow • Singing Sherlock 1: Teddy Bear Rock n Roll • Trad. Oliver Cromwell • Trad. Lovely Joan • Trad. Searching for Lambs • Voicelinks: Fireworks • Trad. Bangladesh: Hatti – ma tim tim (An Imaginary Bird) • Trad. Bangladesh: Charti Kula beng (Four Fat Frogs) • Trad. Australia: I Got Kicked by a Kangaroo • Trad. America: Built My Lady a Fine Brick House • Sing Up: Paintbox
Listening	Night Ferry - Anna Clyne - 21st Century Bolero – Ravel - 20th Century Rock n Roll - Hound Dog - Elvis Presley Pop - With A Little Help from My Friends - The Beatles Indonesia – Gamelan - Baris - Gong Kebyar of Peliatan	Sing op. 1 dimesox
Composing	 Create music in response to a non-musical stimulus (e.g. a storm, a car race, or a rocket launch). Work with a partner to IMPROVISE simple QUESTION AND ANSWER phrases, to be sung and played on UNTUNED PERCUSSION, creating a musical conversation. Use GRAPHIC SYMBOLS, DOT NOTATION and STICK NOTATION, as appropriate, to keep a record of composed pieces. Use music technology, if available, to capture, change and combine sounds. 	

	 Musicianship		
Pulse/Beat	 Musicianship Understand that the speed of the beat can change, creating a faster or slower pace (tempo). Mark the beat of a listening piece (e.g. Bolero by Ravel) by tapping or clapping and recognising tempo as well as changes in tempo. Walk in time to the beat of a piece of music or song (e.g. La Mourisque by Susato). Know the difference between left and right to support coordination and shared movement with others. Begin to group beats in twos and threes by 		
	tapping knees on the first (strongest) beat and clapping the remaining beats. • Identify the beat groupings in familiar music that they sing regularly and listen to	Maple Leaf Rag by Joplin The Elephant from Carnival of the Animals by Saint-Saëns	
Rhythm	 Play copycat rhythms, copying a leader, and invent rhythms for others to copy on untuned percussion. Create rhythms using word phrases as a starting point (e.g. Hel-lo Si-mon or Can you come and play?). Read and respond to chanted rhythm patterns, and represent them with stick notation including CROTCHETS, QUAVERS and CROTCHETS RESTS. Create and perform their own chanted rhythm patterns with the same stick notation. 		
Pitch	Play a range of singing games based on the CUCKOO INTERVAL (so-mi, e.g. Little Sally Saucer) matching voices accurately, supported by a leader playing the melody. The melody could be played on a piano, acoustic instrument or backing track. • Sing short phrases independently within a singing game or short song. • Respond independently to pitch changes heard in short MELODIC PHRASES, indicating with actions (e.g. stand up/sit down, hands high/hands low).		

• Recognise dot notation and match it to 3- note tunes played on TUNED PERCUSSION ,	

Year 3 Music

KS2 Indi	KS2 Indicative Musical features and Vocabulary to be explicitly taught		
Rhythm and Tempo	Downbeats, fast (allegro), slow (adagio), pulse, beat	Rhythm The regular/irregular pulse of the music made by loud and quiet beats. Tempo Speed of the pulse	
Pitch and Melody	High, low, rising, falling; pitch range do—so	Pitch High and low note sounds Melody The tune being played.	
Structure and Form	Call and response; question phrase, answer phrase, echo, ostinato	Structure The way the overall song has been arranged with repeating parts or contrasting parts.	
Harmony	Drone	Harmony The relationship between 2 or more notes played at the same time.	
Texture	Unison, layered, solo	Texture The way melody, texture and rhythm combine and explain what every part is doing.	
Dynamics	Loud (forte), quiet (piano)	Dynamics How loud/quiet the music is and how it changes (individual notes or instruments)	
Instruments and Playing Techniques	Boom wackers Glockenspiels		

	Skills to be taught (key vocabulary in BOLD)	Examples
Singing	 Sing a widening range of UNISON songs of varying styles and structures with a PITCH range of DO-SO (e.g. Extreme Weather), tunefully and with expression. Perform forte and piano, loud and soft. Perform actions confidently and in time to a range of action songs (e.g. Heads and Shoulders). Walk, move or clap a steady BEAT with others, changing the speed of the beat as the TEMPO of the music changes. Perform as a choir in school assemblies 	 Sing Up: Heads and Shoulders Singing Sherlock 2: Si, Si, Si Flying a Round: To stop the train Trad. Japan: Kaeru no uta Trad. Morocco: A ram sam sam/Pease Pudding Hot Trad. Bangladesh: Now charia de (A Boatman's Song) Junior Songscape: Listen to the Rain Voicelinks: Extreme Weather Sing Up: Skye Boat Song Trad. Ireland: Be Thou My Vision Junior Voiceworks 1: Now The Sun Is Shining Voiceworks 1: Candle Light Singing Sherlock 2: Shadow Singing Express 3: Mirror Trad. England: Ah! Poor bird/Hey, Ho! Nobody home/Rose
Listening	Hallelujah from Messiah – Handel - Baroque Night on a Bare Mountain – Mussorgsky - Romantic Jai Ho from Slumdog Millionaire - A. R. Rahman - 21st Century Funk - I Got You (I Feel Good) - James Brown India - Indian Classical - Sahela Re - Kishori Amonkar	
Improvise	Become more skilled in IMPROVISING (using voices, TUNED and UNTUNED PERCUSSION and instruments played in whole class/group/individual/instrumental teaching), inventing short 'on-the-spot' responses using a limited note-range. Structure musical ideas (e.g. using ECHO or QUESTION AND ANSWER PHRASES) to create music that has a beginning, middle and end. Pupils should compose in response to different stimuli, e.g. stories, verse, images (paintings and photographs) and musical sources.	

Compose	Combine known rhythmic notation with letter	
	names to create rising and falling	
	phrases using just three notes (do, re and mi).	
	Compose song accompaniments on untuned	
	percussion using known rhythms and	
	note values.	
Performing	Develop facility in playing tuned percussion or a	
	melodic instrument such as violin	
	or recorder. Play and perform melodies following	
	STAFF NOTATION using a small	
	range (e.g. MIDDLE C-E/do-mi) as a whole class	
	or in small groups (e.g. TRIOS and	
	QUARTETS).	
	Use listening skills to correctly order phrases	
	using DOT NOTATION , showing different	
	arrangements of notes C-D-E/do-re-mi	
	Individually (SOLO) copy stepwise melodic	
	phrases with accuracy at different speeds;	
	ALLEGRO and ADAGIO, fast and slow. Extend to	
	question-and-answer phrases.	
Reading	• Introduce the STAVE , lines and spaces, and	
Notation	CLEF . Use dot notation to show higher	
	or lower pitch.	
	Introduce and understand the differences	
	between CROTCHETS and PAIRED	
	QUAVERS.	
	Apply word chants to rhythms, understanding	
	how to link each syllable to one	
	musical note.	

Year 4 Music

	Skills to be taught (key vocabulary in BOLD)	Examples
Singing	• Continue to sing a broad range of unison songs with the range of an OCTAVE (DO-DO) (e.g. One More Day—a traditional sea shanty) pitching the voice accurately and following directions for getting louder (CRESCENDO) and quieter (DECRESCENDO). • Sing ROUNDS and PARTNER SONGS in DIFFERENT TIME SIGNATURES (2, 3 and 4 time) (e.g. Our Dustbin) and begin to sing repertoire with small and large leaps as well as a simple second part to introduce vocal harmony (e.g. Hear the Wind). • Perform a range of songs in school assemblies.	• Junior Voiceworks 1: Calypso • Junior Voiceworks 2: Our Dustbin • Voiceworks 1: Hear the Wind • Kendrick: Servant King • Happy Birthday • Great Weather Songs: Long Journey • Great Celebration Songs: World in Union • Sing Up: Just like a Roman • Trad. Ghana: Namuma • Sing for Pleasure: Ghosts • Sing for Pleasure: Lost in Space
Listening	Western Classical and Film Symphony No. 5 - Beethoven - Classical O Euchari - Hildegard - Early For the Beauty of the Earth — Rutter - 20th Century Popular Music Jazz - Take the 'A' Train - Billy Strayhorn/Duke Ellington Orchestra 90s Indie - Wonderwall — Oasis Traditional Punjab/UK - Bhangra - Bhabiye Akh Larr Gayee - Bhujhangy Group Trinidad - Calypso - Tropical Bird - Trinidad Steel Band	
Improvise	IMPROVISE on a limited range of pitches on the instrument they are now learning, making use of musical features including smooth (LEGATO) and detached (STACCATO). Begin to make compositional decisions about the overall structure of improvisations. Continue this process in the composition tasks below	Recorder Boomwhackers Xylophones

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Compose	Combine known rhythmic notation with letter	
	names to create short PENTATONIC	
	phrases using a limited range of 5 pitches suitable	
	for the instruments being learnt.	C EEGG
	Sing and play these phrases as self-standing	
	compositions.	
	• Arrange individual notation cards of known note values (i.e. MINIM , CROTCHET ,	
	CROTCHET REST and PAIRED QUAVERS) to create	A G E
	sequences of 2-, 3- or 4-beat phrases,	
	arranged into bars.	
	Explore developing knowledge of musical	
	components by composing music to create	
	a specific mood, for example creating music to	
	accompany a short film clip.	
	Introduce MAJOR and MINOR chords.	
	Include instruments played in whole-	
	class/group/individual teaching to expand the	
	scope and range of the sound palette available for	
	composition work.	
	Capture and record creative ideas using any of:	
	- graphic symbols	
	- rhythm notation and time signatures	
	- STAFF NOTATION	
	- technology.	
Performing	Develop facility in the basic skills of a selected	
	musical instrument over a sustained learning	
	period.	
	Play and perform melodies following staff	
	notation using a small range (e.g. Middle	
	C-G/do-so) as a whole-class or in small groups.	
	Perform in two or more parts (e.g. MELODY and ACCOMPANIMENT or a DUET) from	
	ACCOMPANIMENT or a DUET) from	
	simple notation using instruments played in whole class teaching. Identify STATIC	
	and MOVING PARTS.	
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	Copy short melodic phrases including those	
	using the pentatonic scale (e.g. C, D,	
	E, G, A).	
Reading	Introduce and understand the differences	
Notation	between MINIMS, CROTCHETS, PAIRED	
	QUAVERS and RESTS.	
	Read and perform pitch notation within a	
	defined range (e.g. C–G/do–so).	
	Follow and perform simple rhythmic SCORES to	
	a steady beat: maintain individual	
	parts accurately within the rhythmic TEXTURE ,	
	achieving a sense of ensemble.	
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Year 5 Music

	Skills to be taught (key vocabulary in BOLD)	Examples
Singing	 Sing a broad range of songs from an extended repertoire with a sense of ensemble and performance. This should include observing phrasing, accurate pitching and appropriate style. Sing THREE-PART ROUNDS, PARTNER SONGS, and songs with A VERSE AND A CHORUS. Perform a range of songs in school assemblies and in school performance opportunities 	 Trad. Ireland: Danny Boy Kodály: Rocky Mountain Kodály: My Paddle High Low Chickalo Ally Ally O Trad. Caribbean: Four White Horses Trad. Uganda: Dipidu Are You Ready? Row, Row, Row your Boat
Listening	Western Classical and Film English Folk Song Suite- Vaughan Williams - 20th Century Symphonic Variations on an African Air - Coleridge-Taylor - 20th Century This Little Babe from Ceremony of Carols - Britten - 20th Century Popular Music 90s Singer/Songwriter - Play Dead - Björk 80s Synth/Pop - Smalltown Boy - Bronski Beat Traditional Nigeria - Drumming - Jin-Go-La-Ba (Drums of Passion) - Babatunde Olatunji South Africa - Choral - Inkanyezi Nezazi - Ladysmith Black Mambazo	
Improvise	IMPROVISE freely over a DRONE, developing sense of shape and character, using TUNED PERCUSSION and melodic instruments. Improvise over a simple GROOVE, responding to the BEAT, creating a satisfying melodic shape; experiment with using a wider range of DYNAMICS, including very loud (FORTISSIMO), very quiet (PIANISSIMO), moderately loud (MEZZO FORTE), and moderately quiet (MEZZO PIANO). Continue this process in the composition tasks below.	Keyboard Xylophone Ukulele

Compose	Compose melodies made from pairs of phrases	Keyboard
Compose	in either C major or A minor or a key suitable for	Xylophone
	the instrument chosen. These melodies can be	Ukulele
	enhanced with rhythmic or chordal	- Granere
	accompaniment.	
	Working in pairs, compose a short TERNARY	
	piece.	
	Use chords to compose music to evoke a specific	
	atmosphere, mood or environment.	
	For example, La Mer by Debussy and The River	
	Flows In You by Yiruma both evoke	
	images of water. Equally, pupils might create	
	music to accompany a silent film or to	
	set a scene in a play or book.	
	Capture and record creative ideas using any of:	
	o graphic symbols	
	o rhythm notation and TIME SIGNATURES	
	o STAFF NOTATION	
	o technology.	
Performing	Play melodies on TUNED PERCUSSION, melodic	
	instruments or keyboards, following	
	STAFF NOTATION written on one stave and using	
	notes within the Middle C-C'/do-do	
	range. This should initially be done as a whole	
	class with greater independence	
	gained each lesson through smaller group	
	performance.	
	Understand how TRIADS are formed, and play	
	them on tuned percussion, melodic	
	instruments or keyboards. Perform simple,	
	chordal accompaniments to familiar	
	songs (e.g. Yellow Submarine by The Beatles).	
	Perform a range of repertoire pieces and	
	ARRANGEMENTS combining acoustic	
	instruments to form mixed ensembles, including a	
	school orchestra.	
	Develop the skill of PLAYING BY EAR on tuned	
	instruments, copying longer phrases	
	and familiar melodies.	
Reading	Further understand the differences between	
Notation	SEMIBREVES, MINIMS, CROTCHETS and	
	CROTCHET RESTS, PAIRED QUAVERS and	
	SEMIQUAVERS.	
	• Understand the differences between 2/4, 3/4	
	and 4/4 time signatures.	
	Read and perform pitch notation within an	
	octave (e.g. C–C'/do–do).	
	Read and play short rhythmic phrases at sight	
	from prepared cards, using	
	conventional symbols for known rhythms and	
	note durations.	

Year 6 Music

	Skills to be taught (key vocabulary in BOLD)	Examples
Singing	 Skills to be taught (key vocabulary in BOLD) Sing a broad range of songs, including those that involve SYNCOPATED rhythms, as part of a choir, with a sense of ensemble and performance. This should include observing rhythm, phrasing, accurate pitching and appropriate style. Continue to sing THREE- AND FOUR-PART ROUNDS (e.g. Calypso by Jan Holdstock) or partner songs, and experiment with positioning singers randomly within the group — i.e. no longer in discrete parts — in order to develop greater listening skills, balance between parts and vocal independence. Perform a range of songs as a choir in school assemblies, school performance opportunities and to a wider audience. 	• Trad. South Africa: Siyahamba • Junior Voiceworks 1: Calypso • Sing Up: Touch the Sky • Sing Up: Dona Nobis Pacem • Sing Up: We are the Champions • British National Anthem – God Save the Queen • Sing Up: We Go Together • Trad. Ghana: Senwa de Dende • Sing Up: Be the Change • Sing Up: One Moment, One People • Sing Up: There's a Power in the Music
Listening	Western Classical and Film 1812 Overture – Tchaikovsky - Romantic Connect It - Anna Meredith - 21st Century Popular Music 90s RnB - Say My Name - Destiny's Child Traditional Middle East - Folk - Sprinting Gazelle - Reem Kelani England – Folk - Sea Shanties - Various Poland - Folk - Mazurkas Op. 24 - Chopin Argentina - Tango - Libertango - Piazzolla	
Improvise	Extend improvisation skills through working in small groups to: • Create music with multiple sections that include repetition and contrast. • Use chord changes as part of an improvised sequence. • Extend improvised melodies beyond 8 beats over a fixed GROOVE , creating a satisfying melodic shape.	Guitar Steel Pans

Compose	Plan and compose an 8- or 16-beat melodic	Keyboard
	phrase using the PENTATONIC scale	Xylophone
	(e.g. C, D, E, G, A) and incorporate rhythmic	Ukulele
	variety and interest. Play this melody	ORGICIE
	on available tuned percussion and/or orchestral	
	instruments. Notate this melody.	
	Compose melodies made from pairs of phrases	
	in either G major or E minor or a	
	key suitable for the instrument chosen.	
	Either of these melodies can be enhanced with	
	rhythmic or chordal	
	accompaniment.	
	Compose a TERNARY piece; use available music	
	software/apps to create and record	
	it, discussing how musical contrasts are achieved.	
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Performing	Play a melody following STAFF NOTATION	Keyboards
	written on one stave and using notes within	Xylophones
	an OCTAVE RANGE (DO-DO); make decisions	Ukuleles
	about dynamic range, including very loud (#), very	Guitars
	quiet (<i>pp</i>), moderately loud (<i>mf</i>) and moderately	
	quiet (<i>mp</i>).	
	Accompany this same melody, and others, using	
	block chords or a bass line. This could be done	
	using keyboards, TUNED PERCUSSION or tablets,	
	or demonstrated at the board using an online	
	keyboard.	
	Engage with others through ensemble playing	
	(e.g. school orchestra, band, mixed ensemble)	
	with pupils taking on melody or accompaniment	
	roles. The accompaniment, if instrumental, could	
	be chords or a single-note bass line.	
Reading	Further understand the differences between	
Notation	SEMIBREVES, MINIMS, CROTCHETS,	
	QUAVERS and SEMIQUAVERS, and their	
	equivalent rests.	
	Further develop the skills to read and perform	
	pitch notation within an octave (e.g.	
	C-C/ do-do).	
	Read and play confidently from rhythm notation	
	cards and rhythmic scores in up to	
	4 parts that contain known rhythms and note	
	durations.	
	 Read and play from notation a four-bar phrase, 	
	confidently identifying note names	
	and durations	