

KEY STAGE 1

Pupils should be taught to:

songs and speaking chants and rhymes.

• Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing

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Forsbrook CE Primary School – Music Progression of Skills and Vocabulary

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• Develop an understanding of musical composition, organising and manipulating ideas within musical structures and reproducing sounds from aural memory.

• Sing and play musically with increasing confidence and control.

KEY STAGE 2

Pupils should be taught to:

Content	 Play tuned and untuned instruments musically. Listen with concentration and understanding to a of high-quality live and recorded music. Experiment with, create, select and combine sou the inter-related dimensions of music. Use technology to support learning where appro 	ınds using	 Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression. Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music Listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory. Use and understand staff and other musical notations. Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians. Develop an understanding of the history of music. Use technology to support learning where appropriate. 				
	Performing		ing and Improvising	Aural Awareness and Theoretical Knowledge	Reflecting and Evaluating		
Relevant ELG	Expressive Arts and Design – ELG Being Imaginative and Expressive: • Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs. • Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time to music. Personal, Social and Emotional Development – ELG Managing Self: • Be confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.	d Expressive: of well-known nursery rhymes gs, rhymes, poems and stories id – when appropriate – try to o music. Expressive: I and Emotional Development – Self: to try new activities and show resilience and perseverance in		Communication and Language – ELG Listening, Attention and Understanding: • Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions. • Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding.	Communication and Language – ELG Listening, Attention and Understanding: • Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions. • Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding.		
KS1 Readiness Objectives	 To know a range of well-known nursery rhymes. To sing tunefully, matching pitch. To be confident to perform in front of an audience. To explore creating own simple tunes on instruments and singing own songs. To be able to copy a rhythm and compose own rhythm. 		To listen attentively, staying focused without becoming easily distracted. To understand pitch – high or low, dynamics – loud or quiet, duration – long or short.	To listen to music (live and recorded) and talk about how it makes them feel, what they can hear, what they like/don't like.			





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	REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6		
Performing	CLASS PERCUSSION	CLASS PERCUSSION	CLASS PERCUSSION	RECORDERS	GLOCKENSPIELS	VIOLINS	UKULELES		
	 Sing in a group or on their 	 Explore making different 	 Perform a simple melody 	 Play a simple melody with 	 Demonstrate awareness of 	 Demonstrate awareness of 	 When singing, show greater 		
	own, increasingly matching	sounds with the voice and	using voice and/or	technical control of the	the need for good posture and	the need for good posture,	mastery and control of tone,		
	the pitch and following the	instruments.	instruments.	instrument/voice to create a	diction whilst singing in order	breathing and diction whilst	diction, posture and breathing		
	melody. (Development	 Show an understanding 	 Perform with a strong 	pleasing sound.	to maintain a pleasing sound.	singing in order to maintain a	consistently.		
	Matters)	of pulse.	sense of pulse.	 Perform, demonstrating 	 Sing and play with an 	pleasing sound.	 Use the interrelated 		
	 Explore and engage in 	 Sing and chant songs and 	 Start to understand the 	changes in dynamics, pitch,	awareness of how the	 Sing and play with an 	dimensions of music when		
	music making and dance,	rhymes in unison.	difference between pulse	tempo and articulation.	interrelated dimensions of	understanding of how the	singing and playing in a variety		
	performing solo or in groups.	 Begin to sing in tune 	and rhythm.	 Demonstrate the difference 	music affect the performance	interrelated dimensions of	of styles.		
	(Development Matters)	using melodies that move	 Perform, demonstrating 	between pulse and rhythm.	and its impact on the audience.	music affect the performance	 Maintain a third part in a 		
	 Perform well known- 	mainly by step and include	use of dynamics, pitch and	 Clap or tap a pulse whilst 	 Perform using a range of 	and its impact on the audience.	vocal or instrumental piece		
	nursery rhymes from	small intervals.	tempo.	speaking/playing/improvising a	rhythmic/melodic notation	 Perform using a range of 	with an understanding of		
	memory, incorporating	 Start and stop at the 	 Play simple rhythms. 	rhythm/song.	and/or from graphic notation	rhythmic and melodic notation	harmony and texture.		
	familiar actions into their	appropriate time.	 Sing in tune within a 	 Understand and respond to 	including crotchet, quaver,	combining the inter-related	 Perform using a range of 		
	performance.	 Follow a leader when 	limited pitch range up to an	visual cues for starting and	minim, semibreve, semiquaver.	dimensions of music.	rhythmic and melodic notation		
	 Explore finding the beat 	performing as a group.	octave.	stopping.	 Understand and respond to 	 Understand and respond to 	to play a variety of ostinato (a		
	and clapping, tapping,	 Recognise visual signs for 	 Develop an awareness of 	 Direct others to start and 	visual cues for starting and	visual cues for starting and	continually repeated musical		
	nodding etc along to the	start, stop, mime actions,	diction when singing.	stop using gestures and can	stopping, sustaining sounds,	stopping, and/or fading away,	phrase) and simple pieces or		
	beat.	sing in your head.	 Sing/chant in unison and 	follow a conductor.	ending words with clear	tempi, dynamics and	songs, including expression and		
		 Putting actions to songs. 	with a simple second part.	 Maintain a second part in a 	consonant sounds and/or	articulation.	articulations.		
		 Playing a pitched 	 As part of a group, 	vocal or instrumental piece	fading away.	 Maintain a third part in a 	 Understand and respond to 		
		note/drone to accompany	maintain an ostinato/drone	(e.g. partner songs and	Direct others to start and	vocal or instrumental piece	visual cues for starting and		
		a song.	with the voice or on	rounds).	stop using gestures and can	showing an understanding of	stopping, sustaining sounds,		
			instruments.	 Sing rhythmically and 	follow a conductor.	texture.	ending words with clear		
			 Perform and interpret a 	expressively using a limited	Maintain a third part in a	 Direct others to start and 	consonant sounds and/or		
			piece using simple notation.	range of notes of	vocal or instrumental piece	stop using gestures or counting	fading away, tempi, dynamics		
			Follow a conductor and	approximately an octave with	showing an understanding of	in, setting tempi and dynamics.	and articulation with greater		
			recognise visual signs for	increased control.	texture (e.g. partner songs,	 Perform a solo part within a 	accuracy.		
			start, stop, mime actions,		rounds and simple part	group.	Direct others to start and		
			sing in your head.		harmony).		stop using gestures or counting		
					Continue to sing rhythmically		in, setting tempi and dynamics,		
					and expressively using a range		articulation and show how to		
					of approximately an octave		change these within a piece.		
					with increased control.				



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Composing	Create collaboratively,	Say words/rhymes and	Use simple pitch and	Make four-bar rhythms in	Construct a piece with a	Construct a piece with a	Construct a piece with a		
and	sharing ideas, resources and	clap/play to create simple	rhythm patterns to develop a	groups, pairs or individually. •	simple structure (e.g. Binary or	simple structure (e.g. Binary or	more complex structure (e.g.		
Improvising	skills. (Development	rhythmic patterns.	structure for a short piece.	Improvise with increasing	Ternary).	Ternary, Verse-Chorus,	Rondo, Twelve-bar Blues).		
	Matters)	Improvise a	 Improvise a rhythm/sound 	confidence. (e.g. using 2 – 3	Improvise with increasing	Intro/Outro).	 Improvise with increasing 		
	 Copy and repeat a rhythm, 	rhythm/sound over a given	over a given number of	notes).	confidence (e.g. using 2 – 3	 Improvise with increasing 	confidence. (e.g. using a scale		
	then improvise own rhythm.	number of beats.	beats.	 Contribute ideas to a group 	notes).	confidence (e.g. using a scale	pattern).		
	 Compose a piece of music 	 Add sound effects to a 	 Begin to recognise how 	composition, playing own part.	 Add own words to an existing 	pattern).	Can use different scale		
	to demonstrate feelings.	story.	music will fit a topic/theme.	 Choose instruments and 	tune to make a new song.	 Use scale patterns to 	patterns to construct melodies		
	 Respond to music through 	 Make a piece of music to 	 Experiment with different 	playing techniques to	Make soundscapes/	construct melodies,	(e.g. major, minor, pentatonic).		
	movement.	illustrate a character or	timbres to create effects.	accurately depict story, mood	descriptive/ atmospheric	understanding pitch direction,	 Compose showing sensitivity 		
	 Explore freely making own 	mood.	 Recognise and begin to use 	or character showing an	pieces with narrative/ through-	movement by step and leap	to mood/time/location		
	music.	 Respond to music 	contrasts in dynamics,	awareness of timbre.	composed structures.	and knowing names of notes.	through use of inter-related		
		through movement.	tempo or pitch in a simple	 Add pitch names to rhythmic 	 Add pitch names to rhythmic 	 Compose showing sensitivity 	dimensions of music, including		
		 Understand simple 	composition.	notation to make melodies.	notation to make more	to mood/time/location	experimenting with harmonies		
		graphic notation – one sign	 Respond to music through 	 Understand how changes in 	complex melodies.	through use of inter-related	and chords to create texture.		
		for a sound or group of	movement.	pitch can be shown on either	 Begin to show an awareness 	dimensions of music,	 Works independently within 		
		sounds.	 Notate a composition using 	graphic score and staff	of how changes in pitch can be	experimenting with the use of	a group composition showing		
			simple graphic notation.	notation.	shown on a stave.	harmony to create texture.	thought in selection of		
			 Understand that music can 	 Understand graphic scores 	Work independently within a	 Works independently within 	instruments and playing		
			be notated in different ways.	and how more than one sound	group composition showing	a group composition showing	techniques.		
			 Compose a piece with a 	can play at a time to create	thought in selection of	thought in selection of	 Notate compositions using a 		
			beginning, middle and end.	texture.	instruments and playing	instruments and playing	variety of methods,		
				 Start to understand simple 	techniques and understanding	techniques.	incorporating the inter-related		
				rhythmic notation including	the effect of timbre and	 Is beginning to compose 	dimensions of music.		
				crotchet, quaver, minim,	texture, including adding a	using conventional notation for	 To create a piece using ICT. 		
				semibreve.	drone.	rhythms and/or pitch. •Use ICT			
					Use ICT to compose, working	for recording/refining			
					individually or as part of a	compositions.			
					group.				
Aural	 Listen attentively, move to 	 Listen to and experiment 	 Begin to recognise the 	 Recognise and describe how 	 Recognise and describe how 	 Recognise and identify 	 Recognise and identify 		
Awareness	and talk about music,	with vocal and	sounds of different	sounds are made on different	sounds are made and changed	instrumental families aurally.	instrumental families aurally,		
and	expressing their feelings and	instrumental sounds.	instruments (timbre) with an	instruments.	on different instruments and	Memorise more complex	including instruments from		
Theoretical	responses. (Development	 Copy back simple 	understanding of how	 Sing and recognise short 	how this groups them into	rhythmic and melodic patterns	different genres, cultures and		
Knowledge	Matters)	rhythmic patterns and	sounds are produced.	melodic shapes and rhythmic	instrumental families.	and match conventional	traditions, comparing and		

patterns from memory.

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melodic phrases and match to

notation/graphic pitch

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	Recognise duration as being long or short.	Recognise duration as being long or short. Recognise pitch as high or low. Recognise different articulations e.g. smooth and detached. Feel if the tempo is fast or slow by responding to the pulse. Recognise differences in dynamics as loud or soft.	Sing and recognise simple melodic shapes and patterns. Take a lead in activities that involve imitation or call and response. Continue to develop an awareness of pulse, duration, pitch, tempo, dynamics and articulations in all activities. Recognise groups of instruments.	Continue to develop an awareness of pulse, duration, pitch, tempo, dynamics and articulations in all activities. Recognise different metres (e.g. 3 time and 4 time).	conventional/graphic pitch notation. • Continue to develop an awareness of the inter-related dimensions of music, pulse and articulations. • Recognise simple structures in the music that is being performed or listened to (e.g. phrases, Binary, Ternary, Verse-Chorus). • Recognise different metres (e.g. 2, 3 or 4 time).	Continue to develop an awareness of the interrelated dimensions of music, pulse and articulations. Recognise simple structures in the music that is being performed or listened to (e.g. Binary, Ternary, Verse-Chorus, Rondo, Variation, 12-Bar Blues). Compare and discuss differences in performances of the same piece of music. Recognise a variety of metres.	own musical practices and experiences. • Memorise more complex rhythmic and melodic patterns and match to conventional notation. • Continue to develop an awareness of the inter-related dimensions of music, pulse and articulations. • Recognise structures in the music that is being performed or listened to (Rondo, Variation, Twelve Bar Blues, Ternary, Verse-Chorus, Intro/Outro, through-composed). • Compare and discuss differences in performances of the same piece of music. • Recognise a variety of metres.			
Reflecting and Evaluating	Watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing their feelings and responses. (Development Matters) Watch and listen back to their own group or individual performances and talk about what went well and what could be improved. Talk about how music makes them feel and why.	Comment on own performances and compositions. Describe how the music makes them feel and why. Describe music and sounds in simple terms using basic musical vocabulary including pulse/beat, rhythm and pitch.	Talk about own and peers' work and make simple suggestions for improvement. Discuss how the music makes them feel and why. Describe music and sounds in simple terms using basic musical vocabulary including pulse/beat, rhythm/duration and pitch.	Make constructive comments on own and others' music to develop compositions and performances. Use active listening to make simple connections and comparisons between own compositions and performances, and those of other musicians. Begin to recognise how composers use the interrelated dimensions of music to create effects and mood.	Make constructive comments on own and others' music to develop compositions and performances discussing some of the inter-related dimensions of music. Use active listening to make simple connections and comparisons between own compositions and performances, and those of other musicians. Identify how composers use the inter-related dimensions of	Make constructive comments on own and others' music to develop compositions and performances making use of inter-related dimensions of music. Use active listening to make simple connections and comparisons between own compositions and performances, identifying the use of musical devices (e.g. Canon, Ostinato, Repetition, Sequence).	Make constructive and refined comments on own and others' music to develop compositions and performances using the full range of inter-related dimensions of music. Use active listening to make simple connections and comparisons between own compositions and performances, identifying the use of musical devices (e.g.			





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				music to create effects and	 Recognise how music reflects 	Canon, Ostinato, Repetition,		
				mood.	its purpose, place and time	Sequence).		
				 Ask questions about music in 	including other cultures,	 Recognise how music reflects 		
				other cultures and traditions.	traditions and a variety of	its purpose, place and time,		
					genres.	including other cultures and		
					 Discuss music in subjective 	traditions, and relating it to		
					and objective terms using	own cultures, traditions and		
					musical vocabulary.	experiences.		
						 Confidently use a wide range 		
						of musical vocabulary.		

Interrelated Dimensions of Music: Key Vocabulary								
Pitch	Duration	Dynamics	Tempo	Timbre	Texture	Structure	Musical Notations	
high, low	long, short	loud, quiet, forte, piano, fortissimo, pianissimo crescendo, decrescendo,	accelerando, adagio, allegro, andante, beat, pulse, fast, slow	a capella, body percussion, key, legato, major, minor, scale, staccato,	chord, duet, ensemble, harmony, solo,	call and response, chorus, improvisation, melody, phrase, question and answer, rhythm, round, syncopation, ternary form, verse	bars, bass clef, crotchet, crotchet rest, drone, flat, minim, minim rest, octave, quaver, quaver rest, rest, semibreve, semibreve rest, sharp, stave	



