**Autumn Spring Summer Throughout Year**

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| **Key Skills** | | | | |
|  | **Understanding Music** | **Listen and Appraise** | **Singing** | **Notation** |
| **Reception** | **• Watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing their feelings and responses.**  **• Clap out beat structure of longer words.** | **• Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important.**  **• Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound.**  **• Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses.** | **• Learn rhymes, poems and songs.**  **• Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody.** |  |
| **Year 1** | **• Begin to find and internalise the pulse on their own or with support. • Try to or demonstrate more confidently how they find/feel the pulse.**  **• Begin to demonstrate how pulse, rhythm and pitch work together – copy a simple rhythm over the pulse and begin to sing in time to a backing track.**  **• Clap the rhythm of your name, favourite food, favourite colour etc. • Begin to understand how pulse, rhythm and pitch and tempo work together.** | **• Try to recognise/identify very simple style indicators and different instruments used.**  **• Start using basic musical language to describe the music you are listening to and your feelings towards it.**  **• Begin to listen, with respect, to other people’s ideas and feelings towards the music you have listened to.**  **• March, clap, tap your knees, move to find and internalise the pulse. Continue to understand what it means to find the pulse.**  **• Discuss simple dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch, and perhaps tempo and dynamics) and how they fit into the music you are listening to.** | **• Begin to understand working together as part of a group and with their friends, gradually developing the confidence to sing alone.**  **• Begin to understand the importance of warming up their voices and to establish a good singing position.**  **Stop and start as appropriate, begin to follow a leader/conductor.**  **• Start to consider that words mean something and how they work together with the music.**  **• Sing with a good sense of the pulse internally and try to sing together with the group.** | **• Explore ways of representing high and low sounds, and long and short sounds, using symbols and any appropriate means of notation.**  **• Explore standard notation by selecting and combining sounds.** |
| **Year 2** | **• Continue to find and internalise the pulse on their own or with support. • To demonstrate more confidently how they find/feel the pulse.**  **• Begin to demonstrate how pulse, rhythm and pitch work together**  **• copy a simple rhythm over the pulse and sing in time to the backing track.**  **• Clap the rhythm of your name, favourite food, favourite colour etc. • •Begin to understand how pulse, rhythm and pitch and simple dynamics (loud and quiet) and tempo work together and are distributed through Songs / music.** | **• Try to recognise/identify very simple style indicators and different instruments used.**  **• Start using basic musical language to describe the music you are listening to and your feelings towards it.**  **• Begin to listen, with respect, to other people’s ideas and feelings towards the music you have listened to.**  **• March, clap, tap your knees, move to find and internalise the pulse. Continue to understand what it means to find the pulse.**  **• Discuss simple dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch, and perhaps tempo and dynamics) and how they fit into the music you are listening to.** | **• Begin to understand working together as part of a group and with their friends, gradually developing the confidence to sing alone.**  **• Begin to understand the importance of warming up their voices and to establish a good singing position.**  **Stop and start as appropriate, begin to follow a leader/conductor.**  **• Start to consider that words mean something and how they work together with the music.**  **• Sing with a good sense of the pulse internally and try to sing together with the group.** | **• Explore ways of representing high and low sounds, and long and short sounds, using symbols and any appropriate means of notation.**  **• Explore standard notation by selecting and combining sounds.** |
| **Year 3** | **• Find and internalise the pulse on your own.**  **• Stay in time with a backing track with minimal support.**  **• Demonstrate how you find/feel the pulse, with support.**  **• Demonstrate a fast and slow pulse.**  **• Demonstrate more confidently how pulse, rhythm and pitch work together**  **• Copy a simple rhythm over the pulse and sing/play back over a backing track in time with minimal support.**  **• Clap/play simple rhythms/copy one-two note pitches confidently and create their own rhythm when asked.**  **• Lead others if asked.**  **• Have a deeper understanding of how pulse, rhythm and pitch, dynamics (loud, quiet, smooth, ) and tempo work together and are distributed through songs / music** | **• Find the pulse, the steady beat to the music they are listening to and understand what that means.**  **• More consistently use accurate musical language to describe and talk about music. • Listen to other ideas about music, respect those ideas and feelings.**  **• Continue to realise/understand and show low pulse, rhythm and pitch fit together.**  **• Identify basic musical styles through learning about their style indicators and the instruments played.** | **Sing in tune within a limited pitch range and continue to understand:**  **• How to work together as part of a group and with their friends, developing the confidence to sing alone.**  **• The importance of warming up their voices and to establish a good singing position.**  **• How to perform a song stylistically and as musically as you can.**  **How to sing with a good sense of the pulse internally and sing together and in time with the group. Begin singing in two parts.**  **• How to follow a leader/conductor with confidence.** | **• Explore ways of representing high and low sounds, and long and short sounds, using symbols and any appropriate means of notation.**  **• Explore standard notation**  **• Read and perform pitch notation within a range.**  **• Follow and perform simple rhythmic scores to a steady beat.**  **•Maintain rhythm to a steady beat.** |
| **Year 4** | **• Find and internalise the pulse on your own and stay in time.**  **• Demonstrate how you find/feel the pulse, with ease.**  **• Demonstrate a fast and slow pulse.**  **• Demonstrate more confidently how pulse, rhythm and pitch work together**  **• Copy a simple rhythm over the pulse and sing/play back over a backing track in time.**  **• Clap/play simple rhythms/copy one-two note pitches confidently and create their own rhythm when asked.**  **• Lead others if asked..**  **• Have a deeper understanding of how pulse, rhythm and pitch, dynamics and tempo work together and are distributed through songs / music** | **• Find the pulse, the steady beat to the music they are listening to and understand what that means.**  **• More consistently use accurate musical language to describe and talk about music. • Listen to other ideas about music, respect those ideas and feelings.**  **• Continue to realise/understand and show low pulse, rhythm and pitch fit together.**  **• Identify basic musical styles through learning about their style indicators and the instruments played.** | **Sing in tune within a limited pitch range and continue to understand:**  **• How to work together as part of a group and with their friends, developing the confidence to sing alone.**  **• The importance of warming up their voices and to establish a good singing position.**  **• How to perform a song stylistically and as musically as you can.**  **How to sing with a good sense of the pulse internally and sing together and in time with the group. To sing in two parts.**  **• How to follow a leader/conductor with confidence.** | **• Explore ways of representing high and low sounds, and long and short sounds, using symbols and any appropriate means of notation.**  **• Explore standard notation**  **• Read and perform pitch notation within a range.**  **• Follow and perform simple rhythmic scores to a steady beat.**  **•Maintain rhythm to a steady beat.** |
| **Year 5** | **• Find and internalise the pulse on your own and with ease.**  **• Demonstrate how you find/feel the pulse, with ease.**  **•Demonstrate a fast and slow pulse.**  **• Understand and demonstrate with increasing confidence, how pulse, rhythm and pitch work together**  **• Copy a simple rhythm over the pulse and sing/play back over the backing track in time**  **• Clap/play rhythms/copy one to two note pitches with increasing confidence and create their own rhythm when asked.**  **• Lead others if asked.**  **• develop a deeper understanding of how pulse, rhythm and pitch, dynamics and tempo work together and are distributed through songs/music.** | **• Find the pulse confidently and innately, of the music they are listening to and understand what that means.**  **• Continue to realise / understand / explain / give examples and show how pulse, rhythm and pitch fit together. Include tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture and structure if possible.**  **• Continue to identify musical styles through learning about their style indicators and the instruments played. Some will be learnt again in greater depth.**  **•Use accurate musical language confidently and with understanding to describe and talk about music**  **•Listen to other ideas about music, respect those ideas and feelings.** | **• Understand how to work together as part of a group and in an ensemble or, as a soloist.**  **• Continue to understand the importance of warming up your voice and to establish a good singing position.**  **• Perform and interpret a song stylistically and as musically as you can.**  **• Sing with a good sense of the pulse internally and sing together and in time with the group. Understand the importance of clear diction and tuning.**  **• Follow a leader/conductor with confidence and ease, understand why and how the ensemble works/fits together.**  **• Build confidence in leading a group.** | **• Explore ways of representing high and low sounds, and long and short sounds, using symbols and any appropriate means of notation.**  **• Explore standard notation**  **• Follow and perform rhythm scores**  **• Read and perform pitch notation within an octave (eg C–C′/dodo).** |
| **Year 6** | **• Find and internalise the pulse on your own and with ease.**  **• Demonstrate how you find/feel the pulse, with ease.**  **• Demonstrate a fast and slow pulse.**  **• Understand and demonstrate confidently how pulse, rhythm and pitch work together – copy a simple rhythm over the pulse and sing/play back over a backing track in time with confidence.**  **• Clap/play rhythms/copy one to two note pitches confidently and create their own rhythm when asked.**  **• Lead others if asked.**  **• Have a deeper understanding of how pulse, rhythm and pitch, a range of dynamics and tempo work together, their purpose in music and how they are distributed through songs/music.** | **• Continue to identify musical styles through learning about their style indicators and the instruments played. Some will be learnt again in greater depth.**  **•Use accurate musical language confidently and with understanding to describe and talk about music**  **•Listen to other ideas about music, respect those ideas and feelings.** | **• Understand how to work together as part of a group and in an ensemble or, as a soloist.**  **• Continue to understand the importance of warming up your voice and to establish a good singing position.**  **• Perform and interpret a song stylistically and as musically as you can.**  **• Sing with a good sense of the pulse internally and sing together and in time with the group. Understand the importance of clear diction and tuning.**  **• Follow a leader/conductor with confidence and ease, understand why and how the ensemble works/fits together.**  **• Confidently lead a group.** | **• Explore ways of representing high and low sounds, and long and short sounds, using symbols and appropriate means of notation including standard notation.**  **• Explore standard notation**  **• Follow and perform rhythm scores**  **• Read and perform pitch notation within an octave (eg C–C′/dodo).** |

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| **Practical Skills** | | |
|  | **Composing** | **Performing** |
| **Reception** | **• Play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas.**  **• Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.**  **• Create their own songs, or improvise a song around one they know.**  **• Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups.** | |
| **Year 1** | **Create your own very simple melodies (usually in a group) within the context of the song that is being learnt.**  **• Create compositions using one or two notes, increasing to three notes if appropriate.**  **• Record the composition in any way appropriate.**  **• Notate music in different ways, using graphic/pictorial notation, video, ICT.**  **• Musically demonstrate a very simple understanding and use of the interrelated dimensions of music as appropriate within this context of creating and making music eg getting louder (dynamics), quieter (dynamics), higher (pitch), lower (pitch).**  **• Begin to recognise/identify the awareness of a link between shape and pitch using graphic notations or simply writing the melody in any way they will remember it.** | **Continue to develop confidence and precision in performance throughout the year.**  **• Start to work together as part of an Ensemble / band. Remember the importance of starting and ending together.**  **• Try to follow the conductor/band leader.**  **• Perform what you have learnt to other people. Play your instrument, improvise and play your compositions as part of this performance and with as much confidence as possible.**  **• Perform with some understanding that the performance can include everything that has been undertaken during the learning process of the unit. Everything you have learnt fits together.**  **• Practise, rehearse and present performances with some awareness of an audience. Begin to realise that performance can influence how music is presented. Try to communicate your ideas, thoughts and feelings through simple musical demonstration.**  **• Watch a recording and/or discuss the performance. Offer helpful and thoughtful comments and feedback about others.**  **• Begin to play a classroom instrument as part of a group/ensemble and as part of the song that is being learnt. • Move between differentiated parts as required using a sound-before-symbol approach.**  **• Learn to stop/start and respond to basic musical cues from the leader/conductor.**  **• Learn how to treat your instrument with respect and how to play it correctly.**  **• Play as part of your ensemble/group with a sound -before-symbol (by ear) approach.** |
| **Year 2** | **• Create compositions using one or two notes, increasing to three notes if appropriate.**  **• Record the composition in any way appropriate.**  **• Notate music in different ways, using graphic/pictorial notation, video.**  **• Musically demonstrate a very simple understanding and use of the interrelated dimensions of music as appropriate within this context of creating and making music eg getting louder (dynamics), quieter (dynamics), higher (pitch), lower (pitch).**  **• Begin to recognise/identify the awareness of a link between shape and pitch using graphic notations or simply writing the melody in any way they will remember it.** | **Continue to develop confidence and precision in performance throughout the year.**  **• Start to work together as part of an Ensemble / band. Remember the importance of starting and ending together.**  **• Try to follow the conductor/band leader.**  **• Perform what you have learnt to other people. Play your instrument, improvise and play your compositions as part of this performance and with as much confidence as possible.**  **• Perform with some understanding that the performance can include everything that has been undertaken during the learning process of the unit. Everything you have learnt fits together.**  **• Practise, rehearse and present performances with some awareness of an audience. Begin to realise that performance can influence how music is presented. Try to communicate your ideas, thoughts and feelings through simple musical demonstration.**  **• Watch a recording and/or discuss the performance. Offer helpful and thoughtful comments and feedback about others.**  **• Begin to play a classroom instrument as part of a group/ensemble and as part of the song that is being learnt. • Move between differentiated parts as required using a sound-before-symbol approach.**  **• Learn to stop/start and respond to basic musical cues from the leader/conductor.**  **• Learn how to treat your instrument with respect and how to play it correctly.**  **• Play as part of your ensemble/group with a sound -before-symbol (by ear) approach.** |
| **Year 3** | **• Compose a section of music that can be added to a performance of a song.**  **• Continue to create your own more complex melodies (usually in a group) within the context of the song that is being learnt.**  **• Move beyond composing using two notes, increasing to three notes if appropriate.**  **• Record the composition in any way appropriate. Notate music in different ways, using graphic/pictorial notation, video.**  **• Musically demonstrate an understanding and use of the interrelated dimensions of music as appropriate within this context of creating and making music eg getting louder (dynamics), quieter (dynamics), higher (pitch), lower (pitch), faster (tempo), slower (tempo).**  **• Continue to recognise/identify the awareness of a link between shape and pitch using graphic notations or simply writing the melody in any way they will remember it.** | **• Present a musical performance of a song or piece of music to an audience, demonstrating the historic, stylistic knowledge and understanding of the song/piece through the performance.**  **• Perform what you have learnt to other people. Play your instrument, improvise and play your compositions as part of this performance and with as much confidence and accuracy as possible.**  **• Perform with a deeper understanding. A performance can include everything that has been undertaken during the learning process of the unit. Everything you have learnt fits together.**  **• Practise, rehearse and present performances with awareness of an audience.**  **• Continue to play a classroom instrument as part of a group/ensemble and as part of the song you are learning. Play with more knowledge, confidence and ease.**  **• Move between differentiated parts as required using a sound-before-symbol approach. Use notation if appropriate.**  **• Continue to respond to basic musical cues from the leader/conductor. Follow the leader confidently. • Continue to treat your instrument with respect and care and to play it correctly.**  **• Play more confidently as part of your ensemble/group with a sound-before-symbol (by ear) approach or, with notation if appropriate.** |
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| **INTER-RELATED DIMENSIONS OF MUSIC (Dynamics)** | | |
|  | **• PULSE: the steady beat of a piece of a piece of music**  **• PITCH: the melody and the way the notes change from low to high and vice versa.**  **• RHYTHM: or duration is the pattern of long and short sounds in a piece of music**  **• DYNAMICS: Loud and soft**  **• TEMPO: Fast and slow**  **• TIMBRE: The type of sound – whisper/hum/sing/talk (examples with the voice) or twinkly/hard/soft (examples with instruments)**  **• TEXTURE: Layers of sound (number of instruments or voices playing together)**  **• STRUCTURE: The way the music is laid out –e.g. Verse, chorus, verse** | |