

Music Skills and Knowledge Progression

(based on Charanga)

Year A	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
Listening and Appraising	Knowledge: -To know 5 songs off by heartTo know what the songs are aboutTo know and recognise the sound and names of some of the instruments they use.	Knowledge: -To know five songs from memory and who sang them or wrote them. -To know the style of the five songs. -To choose one song and be able to talk about: Its lyrics: what the song is about -Any musical dimensions featured in the song, and where they are used (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm and pitch) -Identify the main sections of the song (introduction, verse, chorus etc.) -Name some of the instruments they heard in the song	Knowledge: -To know five songs from memory, who sang or wrote them, when they were written and, if possible, why? -To know the style of the five songs and to name other songs from the Units in those styles. -To choose two or three other songs and be able to talk about: -Some of the style indicators of the songs (musical characteristics) -The lyrics: what the songs are about 0 Any musical dimensions featured in the songs and where they are used (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm and pitch) -Identify the main sections of the songs (intro, verse, chorus etc.) -Name some of the instruments heard in songs -The historical context of the songs. What else was going on at this time?
	Skills: -To learn how to enjoy moving to music by dancing, marching, being animals or pop stars.	Skills: -To confidently identify and move to the pulseTo think about what the words of a song meanTo take it in turn to discuss how the song makes them feelListen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music.	Skills: -To identify and move to the pulse with easeTo think about the message of songsTo compare two songs in the same style, talking about what stands out musically in each of them, their similarities and differencesListen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the musicWhen you talk try to use musical wordsTo talk about the musical dimensions working together in the Unit songsTalk about the music, how it makes feel.

	Knowledge:	Knowledge:	Knowledge:
Singing	-To confidently sing or rap five songs from memory and sing them in unison.	To know and be able to talk about: -Singing in a group can be called a choir -Leader or conductor: A person who the choir or group follow -Songs can make you feel different things e.g. happy, energetic or sad - Singing as part of an ensemble or large group is fun, but that you must listen to each other -To know why you must warm up your voice	To know and confidently sing five songs and their parts from memory, and to sing them with a strong internal pulse. -To choose a song and be able to talk about: -Its main features -Singing in unison, the solo, lead vocal, backing vocals or rapping -Know what the song is about and meaning of the lyrics -Know and explain the importance of warming up your voice
	Skills: -To 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 rhythmLearn to start and stop singing when following a leader	Skills: -To sing in unison and in simple two-partsTo demonstrate a good singing postureTo follow a leader when singingTo enjoy exploring singing soloTo sing with awareness of being 'in tune'To have an awareness of the pulse internally when singing	Skills: -To sing in unison and to sing backing vocalsTo 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'
	Knowledge: -Learn the names of the notes in their instrumental part from memory or when written downLearn the names of the instruments they are playing	Knowledge: To know and be able to talk about: - The instruments used in class (a glockenspiel, a recorder)	Knowledge: -know and be able to talk about: Different ways of writing music down – e.g. staff notation, symbols -Notes C, D, E, F, G, A, B + C on the treble stave -The instruments they might play or be played in a band or orchestra or by their friends
Playing	Skills: -Treat instruments carefully and with respectPlay a tuned instrumental part with the song they performLearn 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	Skills: -To treat instruments carefully and with respectPlay 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 songTo listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader	Skills: -Play a musical instrument with the correct technique -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 notationRehearse and perform their part -Listen to and follow instructions from a leader To lead a rehearsal session.

Improvisation	Knowledge: -To know that improvisation is about making up your own tunes on the spot. —To know that when someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to them. -Know that everyone can improvise!	Knowledge: -To know and be able to talk about improvisation: - Improvisation is making up your own tunes on the spot -When someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to them -To know that using one or two notes confidently is better than using five - To know that if you improvise using the notes you are given, you cannot make a mistake	Knowledge: To know and be able to talk about improvisation: -Improvisation is making up your own tunes on the spot -When someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to themTo know that using one or two notes confidently is better than using five -To know that if you improvise using the notes you are given, you cannot make a mistake -To know that you can use some of the riffs you have heard in the Challenges in your improvisations -To know three well-known improvising musicians
	Skills: -Clap and Improvise – Listen and clap back, then listen and clap own answer (rhythms of words). -Sing, Play and Improvise – Use voices and instruments, listen and sing back, then listen and play own answer using one or two notes. -Improvise! – Take it in turns to improvise using one or two notes	Skills: mprovise using instruments in the context of the song they are learning to perform. Using the improvisation tracks provided, children will complete the Bronze, Silver or Gold Challenges:	Skills: mprovise using instruments in the context of a song to be performed. Use the improvisation tracks provided and improvise using the Bronze, Silver or Gold Challenges.
Composition	Knowledge: -Composing is like writing a story with musicEveryone can compose	Knowledge: To know and be able to talk about: - A composition: music that is created by you and kept in some way. It's like writing a story. It can be played or performed again to your friendsDifferent ways of recording compositions (letter names, symbols, audio etc.)	Knowledge: To know and be able to talk about: - A composition: music that is created by you and kept in some way. It's like writing a story. It can be played or performed again to your friendsA composition has pulse, rhythm and pitch that work together and are shaped by tempo, dynamics, texture and structure -Notation: recognise the connection between sound and symbol
	Skills: -Help to create a simple melody using one, two or three notesLearn how the notes of the composition can be written down and changed if necessary.	Skills: -Help create at least one simple melody using one, three or five different notesPlan and create a section of music that can be performed within the context of the unit song.	Skills: -Create simple melodies using up to five different notes and simple rhythms that work musically with the style of the Unit song.

		-Talk about how it was createdListen 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)	-Explain the keynote or home note and the structure of the melodyListen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions about how the melody connects with the songRecord the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation)
Performance	Knowledge: -To know that a performance is sharing music with other people, called an audience Skills: -Choose a song they have learnt from the Scheme and perform itAdd their ideas to the performanceRecord the performance and say how they were feeling about it	Knowledge: To know and be able to talk about: -Performing is sharing music with other people, an audience -A performance doesn't have to be a drama It can be to one person or to each other -You need to know and have planned everything that will be performed -You must sing or rap the words clearly and play with confidence -A performance can be a special occasion and involve an audience including of people you don't know - It is planned and different for each occasion -It involves communicating feelings, thoughts and ideas about the song/music Skills: -To choose what to perform and create a programmeTo communicate the meaning of the words and clearly articulate themTo talk about the best place to be when performing and how to stand or sitTo record the performance and say how they were feeling, what they were pleased with what they would change and why	Knowledge: To know and be able to talk about: -Performing is sharing music with other people, an audience -A performance doesn't have to be a drama It can be to one person or to each other Everything that will be performed must be planned and learned -You must sing or rap the words clearly and play with confidence - A performance can be a special occasion and involve an audience including of people you don't know - It is planned and different for each occasion -It involves communicating ideas, thoughts and feelings about the song/music Skills: -To choose what to perform and create a programmeTo communicate the meaning of the words and clearly articulate them - To talk about the venue and how to use it to best effectTo record the performance and compare it to a previous performanceTo discuss and talk musically about it — "What went well?" and "It would have been even better if?

	Au1: Old School Hip-Hop	Au1: R n B	Au1: Rock
	Au2: Reggae	Au2: NA	Au2: Bossa Nova and Swing
Styles of Main	Sp1:Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Folk and	Sp1: Reggae	Sp1: Pop Ballads
1	Funk	Sp2: A pop song that tells a story	Sp2: Old-School Hip-Hop
Song	Sp2: Bossa Nova	Su1: Disco	Su1: Motown
	Su1:Pop	Su2: Classical	Su2: Classical
	Su2: Classical		
	Au1: How pulse, rhythm and pitch work together	Au1: R n B and other styles	Au1: Rock Anthems
	Au2: Pulse, rhythm and pitch, rapping, dancing	Au2: Exploring and developing playing skills	Au2: Jazz and Improvisation
	and singing	Sp1: Reggae and animals	Sp1: Pop Ballads
	Sp1: How to be in the groove with different	Sp2: Music from around the world, celebrating	Sp2: Old-School Hip-Hop
Theme	styles of music	differences and being kind to one another	Su1: Motown
	Sp2: Pulse, rhythm and pitch in different styles of	Su1: Disco, friendship, hope and unity	Su2: The history of music and language of music
	music	Su2: : The history of music and language of music	
	Su1: Using your imagination		
	Su2: The history of music and language of music		

Year B	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
Listening and Appraising	Knowledge: -To know five songs off by heartTo know some songs have a chorus or a response/answer partTo know that songs have a musical style.	Knowledge: -To know five songs from memory and who sang them or wrote them -To know the style of the five songsTo choose one song and be able to talk about: -Some of the style indicators of that song (musical characteristics that give the song its style)The lyrics: what the song is aboutAny musical dimensions featured in the song and where they are used (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm and pitch)Identify the main sections of the song (introduction, verse, chorus etc) Name some of the instruments they heard in the song	Knowledge: To know five songs from memory, who sang or wrote them, when they were written and why? -To know the style of the songs and to name other songs from the Units in those stylesTo choose three or four other songs and be able to talk about: The style indicators of the songs (musical characteristics that give the songs their style) -The lyrics: what the songs are about -Any musical dimensions featured in the songs and where they are used (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm, pitch and timbre) -Identify the structure of the songs (intro, verse, chorus etc.) -Name some of the instruments used in the songs -The historical context of the songs. What else was going on at this time, musically and historically? -Know and talk about that fact that we each have a musical identity
	Skills: -To learn how children 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.	Skills: -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. -Use musical words when talking about music	Skills: -To identify and move to the pulse with easeTo think about the message of songsTo compare two songs in the same style, talking about what stands out musically in each of them, their similarities and differencesListen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the musicUse musical words when talking about music -To talk about the musical dimensions working together in the Unit songsTalk about the music and how it makes you feel, using musical language to describe the music.

Singing	Knowledge: -To confidently know and sing five songs from memory To know that unison is everyone singing at the same timeTo know that songs include other ways of using the voice e.g. rapping (spoken word)To know why we need to warm up our voices	Knowledge: To know and be able to talk about: -Singing in a group can be called a choir -Leader or conductor: A person who the choir or group follow -Songs can make you feel different things e.g. happy, energetic or sad -Singing as part of an ensemble or large group is fun, but that you must listen to each other -Texture: How a solo singer makes a thinner texture than a large group -To know why you must warm up your voice	Knowledge: To know and confidently sing five songs and their parts from memory, and to sing them with a strong internal pulseTo know about the style of the songs so you can represent the feeling and context to your audience -To choose a song and be able to talk about: -Its main features -Singing in unison, the solo, lead vocal, backing vocals or rapping -To know what the song is about and the meaning of the lyrics -To know and explain the importance of warming up your voice
	Skills: -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 -Learn to find a comfortable singing positionLearn to start and stop singing when following a leader.	Skills: To sing in unison and in simple two-parts To demonstrate a good singing postureTo follow a leader when singingTo enjoy exploring singing soloTo sing with awareness of being 'in tune'To rejoin the song if lostTo listen to the group when singing	Skills: -To sing in unison and to sing backing vocalsTo demonstrate a good singing postureTo follow a leader when singingTo experience rapping and solo singingTo listen to each other and be aware of how you fit into the groupTo sing with awareness of being 'in tune'.
	-Knowledge: Know the names of the notes in their instrumental part from memory or when written downKnow the names of untuned percussion instruments played in class	Knowledge: To know and be able to talk about: -The instruments used in class (a glockenspiel, recorder or xylophone) Other instruments they might play or be played in a band or orchestra or by their friends.	Knowledge: To know and be able to talk about: -Different ways of writing music down – e.g. staff notation, symbols -Notes C, D, E, F, G, A, B + C on the treble stave -The instruments they might play or be played in a band or orchestra or by their friends
Playing	Skills: -Treat instruments carefully and with respectLearn to play a tuned instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts (a one-note, simple or medium part).	Skills: 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 notationTo rehearse and perform their part within the context of the Unit song.	Skills: - Play a musical instrument with the correct technique within the context of the Unit songSelect 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.

	-Play the part in time with the steady pulse Listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader. Knowledge: -Know that improvisation is making up your own tunes on the spotKnow when someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to themKnow that everyone can improvise, and you can use one or two notes.	-To listen to and follow musical instructions from a leaderTo experience leading the playing by making sure everyone plays in the playing section of the song. Knowledge: To know and be able to talk about improvisation: - Improvisation is making up your own tunes on the spot -When someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to themTo know that using one or two notes confidently is better than using five - To know that if you improvise using the notes you are given, you cannot make a mistake -To know that you can use some of the riffs you have heard in the Challenges in your	-To rehearse and perform their part within the context of the Unit songTo listen to and follow musical instructions from a leaderTo lead a rehearsal session Knowledge: To know and be able to talk about improvisation: - Improvisation is making up your own tunes on the spot -When someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to themTo know that using one, two or three notes confidently is better than using five -To know that if you improvise using the notes you are given, you cannot make a mistake -To know that you can use some of the riffs and licks you have learnt in the Challenges in your
Improvisation	Skills: 1. Clap and Improvise – Listen and clap back, then listen and clap own answer (rhythms of words). 2. Sing, Play and Improvise – Use voices and instruments, listen and sing back, then listen and play own answer using one or two notes. 3. Improvise! – Take it in turns to improvise using one or two notes.	Skills: Improvise using instruments in the context of a song they are learning to perform. Use the improvisation tracks provided and improvise using the Bronze, Silver or Gold Challenges	improvisations -To know three well-known improvising musicians Skills: Improvise using instruments in the context of a song to be performed. Use the improvisation tracks provided and improvise using the Bronze, Silver or Gold Challenges.

Composition	Knowledge: -Know that composing is like writing a story with musicKnow that everyone can compose.	Knowledge: To know and be able to talk about: -A composition: music that is created by you and kept in some way. It can be played or performed again to your friendsDifferent ways of recording compositions (letter names, symbols, audio etc.)	Knowledge: To know and be able to talk about: -A composition: music that is created by you and kept in some way. It can be played or performed again to your friendsA composition has pulse, rhythm and pitch that work together and are shaped by tempo, dynamics, texture and structure -Notation: recognise the connection between sound and symbol
	Skills: -Help create three simple melodies with the Units using one, three or five different notesLearn how the notes of the composition can be written down and changed if necessary.	Skills: 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 songTalk about how it was createdListen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions about pulse, rhythm, pitch, dynamics and tempoRecord the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation)	Skills: 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 songRecord the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation)
Performance	Knowledge: -To know that a performance is sharing music with an audience -Know that a performance can be a special occasion and involve a class, year group or whole school -Know that an audience can include your parents and friends	Knowledge: To know and be able to talk about: -Performing is sharing music with other people, an audience -A performance doesn't have to be a drama! It can be to one person or to each other -You need to know and have planned everything that will be performed -You must sing or rap the words clearly and play with confidence - A performance can be a special occasion and involve an audience including of people you don't know - It is planned and different for each occasion -It involves communicating feelings, thoughts and ideas about the song/music	Knowledge: To know and be able to talk about: -Performing is sharing music with an audience with belief -A performance doesn't have to be a drama! It can be to one person or to each other -Everything that will be performed must be planned and learned -You must sing or rap the words clearly and play with confidence -A performance can be a special occasion and involve an audience including of people you don't know - It is planned and different for each occasion - A performance involves communicating ideas, thoughts and feelings about the song/music

	Skills:	Skills:	Skills:
	-Choose a song they have learnt from the	To choose what to perform and create a	To choose what to perform and create a
	Scheme and perform it.	programme.	programme.
	-Add their ideas to the performanceRecord the performance and say how they	-Present a musical performance designed to capture the audience.	-To communicate the meaning of the words and clearly articulate them.
	were feeling about it	-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 talk about the best place to be when performing and how to stand or sit.	To record the performance and compare it to a previous performance.
		-To record the performance and say how they	-To discuss and talk musically about it – "What
		were feeling, what they were pleased with	went well?" and "It would have been even
		what they would change and why.	better if?"
	Au1: Afropop, South African	Au1: Pop	Au1: Pop/Neo Soul
	Au2: A song with rapping and improvising for	Au2: Mixed Styles	Au2: Bacharach and Blues
Styles of	Christmas	Sp1: Grime	Sp1: Classical or Urban Gospel
Main Songs	Sp1: Rock	Sp2: Gospel	Sp2: 70s Ballad/Pop
	Sp2: Reggae	Su1: The Beatles/Pop	Su1: Hip-Hop, Classical, Electronic, Soul,
	Su1: Pop	Su2: Classical	Contemporary
	Su2: Classical		Su2: Classical
	Au1: South African music	Au1: ABBBA's music	Au1: Being happy!
	Au2: Festivals and Christmas	Au2: Exploring and developing playing skills	Au2: Jazz, improvisation and composition
	Sp1: Playing together in a band	using the glockenspiel	Sp1: Benjamin Britten's music and cover
Unit Theme	Sp2: Reggae and animals	Sp1: Writing lyrics linked to a theme	versions
	Su1: A song about being friends	Sp2: Soul/Gospel music and helping one	Sp2: The music of Carole King
	Su2: The history of music and the language of	another	Su1: Create your own music inspired by your
	music	Su1: The Beatles, equality and civil rights	identity and women in the music industry
		Su2: The history of music and the language of	Su2: The history of music and the language of
		music	music