

St Marie's Progression of skills for Music- Key Stage 1 & 2

Reception Musical Skills	Year 1 Musical Skills	Year 2 Musical Skills	
Singing	Singing	Singing	
I can sing to self and makes up simple songs. 30-50mths	I can explore sounds with my voice and experiment with ways of changing them.	I can join in with warm up activities which explore posture, breathing, diction and expression.	
	I can use my voice in different ways. (whispering, chanting, singing)	I can stand up straight in a good singing position to help breathe well and sing clearly with expression when I perform to my class and teacher.	
	I can sing simple 2 and 3 note melodies mostly in tune.		
Listening	Listening	Listening	
I can create movement in response to music. 30-50mths	I can create movements in responses to changes in a piece of music. (high/low, quiet/loud, happy/sad)	I can listen with concentration to a variety of live and recorded music and say what I think about the music I hear.	
I can use movement to express feelings. 30-50mths	I can say whether I like or dislike a piece of music.	I can say why I like or dislike a piece of music.	
Playing	Playing	Playing	
I can make up rhythms. 30-50mths	I am beginning to mark pulse and move rhythmically. I can tap out simple repeated rhythms.	I can keep a steady pulse with accuracy and am developing my understanding of the difference between pulse and rhythm.	
	I can explore how sounds can be changed.	I can play fast/slow, loud/quiet, high/low and change the type of sound when I play instruments.	
	I can join in and stop as appropriate.	I can follow and offer simple musical instruments and actions.	
Performing	Performing	Performing	

I can talk about my ideas and processes which have led them to make music, designs, images or products. Exceeding descriptors	I can play an instrument as part of a group.	I can play an instrument in a group, showing some awareness of other performers.	
	I can play a musical instrument in front of others.	I can perform to an audience.	
Composing and Improvising	Composing and Improvising	Composing and Improvising	
I can represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role play and stories. ELG	I can use music and movement to express my thoughts and feelings.	I can make, change and combine sounds with my voice, body instruments and appropriate technology.	
	I can improvise (make up) patterns.	I can order sounds within simple structure such as beginning/middle/end and in response to given starting points.	
Notation and Technology	Notation and Technology	Notation and Technology	
	I can use simple music technology to make sounds.	I can use simple music technology to make and capture sounds.	
	I can recognise the link between sounds and symbols using graphic notations. (shape/pitch)	I can repeat sounds with symbols (given and made up.)	

Year Three Musical Skills	Year Four Musical Skills	Year Five Musical Skills	Year Six Musical Skills
Singing	Singing	Singing	Singing
I can sing mostly in tune, maintaining a wider pitch range with a good sense of pulse and rhythm. I can explain why it is important to have a good posture when I sing.	I can sing in tune with confidence, maintaining a wider pitch range with a good sense of pulse and rhythm. I can explain why good posture and correct breathing are important when I sing.	I can sing in tune with confidence, maintaining a wider pitch range with a secure sense of pulse and rhythm. I can use my voice expressively to create effects in a group piece (e.g: using dynamics to convey emotion)	I can sing in tune with confidence and expression, maintaining a wider pitch range with a secure sense of pulse and rhythm. I can use my voice expressively to create effects in a group piece (e.g. using dynamics to convey emotion, singing a lower or upper part, using articulation)
		I can explain the importance of correct breathing, phrasing and good posture when I sing and am beginning to demonstrate this with some confidence.	I can confidently explain and demonstrate with understanding the importance of correct breathing, phrasing and good posture when I sing.
Listening	Listening	Listening	Listening
I can listen with concentration to a variety of music, describing what I hear <u>or</u> how I feel about the music.	I can listen with concentration to a variety of music, describing what I hear <u>or</u> how I feel about the music using simple musical vocabulary.	I can listen with attention to detail to a wide range of music from different traditions, genres, styles and periods, describing musical features using appropriate musical vocabulary.	I can listen with attention to detail to a wide range of music from different traditions, genres, styles and periods, describing, comparing and evaluating musical features using appropriate musical vocabulary.
I can make improvements to my own work.	I can make improvements to my own work and suggest improvements to the work of others.	I can make improvements to my own and others' work and explain how the improvements have been made.	I can make improvements to my own and others' work and explain how the improvements have been made. Using musical vocabulary.
Playing	Playing	Playing	Playing
I can keep a steady pulse accurately.	I can demonstrate and explain the difference between pulse and rhythm.	I can play a variety of melodic and rhythmic patterns with accuracy.	I can play a variety of melodic and rhythmic patterns with accuracy and expression.
I can demonstrate the difference between pulse and rhythm.	I can play a variety of rhythm patterns with accuracy.	I can give simple performance directions and lead with some independence.	I can give a range performance directions and lead with increased independence.
I can follow simple performance directions (e.g. starting/stopping, changes in tempo & dynamics)	I can follow simple performance directions (start/stop/loud/quiet/fast/Slow) and respond with increasing subtlety.	I am beginning to demonstrate an increasing understanding of musical features when I play (e.g, louder/quieter/faster/slower/higher/lower) to achieve a musical outcome.	I can play confidently and demonstrate increased understanding of musical features when I play (e.g, louder/quieter/faster/slower/higher/lower) to achieve a musical outcome.

Performing	Performing	Performing	Performing
I can maintain a part within a group.	I can maintain a part within a group, showing awareness of other performers.	I can maintain an independent part in a group, showing awareness of other performers. (e.g., a harmony part in a song, an accompaniment pattern underneath a melody line)	I can maintain increasingly complex independent parts in a group, showing awareness of other performers. (e.g, a harmony part in a song, an accompaniment pattern underneath a melody line, rhythmic or melodic ostinato patterns)
I can play fast/slow, loud/quiet, high/low and change the type of sound when I play instruments with increasing control and accuracy.	I can perform to an audience.	I can perform expressively to an audience.	I can perform expressively to an audience, showing an awareness of venue and occasion
Composing and Improvising	Composing and Improvising	Composing and Improvising	Composing and Improvising
I can improvise short rhythmic phrases.	I can improvise short melodic and rhythmic phrases.	I can improvise melodic and rhythmic phrases using the interrelated dimensions of music Fast/slow/high/low/ short/long etc) with developing control.	I can improvise extended melodic and rhythmic phrases using the interrelated dimensions of music (Fast/slow/high/low/short/long etc) with good control and expression.
I can develop musical ideas within given structures, combining layers of sound (e.g. simple rhythmic patterns, melodies and accompaniments).	I can develop and structure musical ideas (e.g. beginning, middle, end), combining layers of sound (melodies, rhythms and accompaniments)	I can compose music using a range of devices (e.g: ostinato, chord patterns, call and response, repetition).	I can compose music using a range of devices (e.g: ostinato, chord patterns, call and response, repetition) demonstrating an awareness of how the interrelated dimensions can be used to achieve intended effects.
Notation and Technology	Notation and Technology	Notation and Technology	Notation and Technology
I can use a variety of notations to represent musical intentions. I can combine layers of sound using simple technology.	I can use a variety of notations to represent musical intentions in greater detail. I can combine and manipulate layers of sound using simple music technology.	I can use relevant notations to plan, rehearse and refine my musical intentions. I can combine, manipulate and refine musical sounds using technology.	I can use relevant notations to plan, rehearse and refine my musical intentions. I can combine, manipulate and refine musical sounds using technology.