





Adapted to match the St Luke's music curriculum

## Music

Key skills and knowledge by unit

## Introduction

This document shows the **skills** covered in each year group from EYFS - Year 6 and which units focus on developing those skills. It also gives three to five Key **knowledge** statements for each unit.

EYFS		
Responding to music with movement, altering it to reflect the tempo, dynamics or pitch of the music.		~
Exploring lyrics by suggesting appropriate actions.		~
Exploring the story behind the lyrics or music.		<b>~</b>
Listening to and following a beat using body percussion and instruments.		<b>~</b>
Considering whether a piece of music has a fast, moderate or slow tempo.	Listening	<b>✓</b>
Listening to sounds and matching to the object or instrument.		<b>~</b>
Listening to sounds and identifying high and low pitch.		<b>✓</b>
Listening to and repeating a simple rhythm.		<b>V</b>
Listening to and repeating simple lyrics.		<b>V</b>
Understanding that different instruments make different sounds and grouping them accordingly.		<b>✓</b>

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EYFS	Celebration music	
Playing untuned percussion 'in time' with a piece of music.		V
Selecting classroom objects to use as instruments.		V
Experimenting with body percussion and vocal sounds to respond to music.	Composing	V
Selecting appropriate instruments to represent action and mood.		V
Experimenting with playing instruments in different ways		<b>V</b>
Using their voices to join in with well-known songs from memory		~
Remembering and maintaining their role within a group performance		~
Moving to music with instruction to perform actions	Performing	~
Participating in performances to a small audience		<b>✓</b>
Stopping and starting playing at the right time		~

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EYFS					
	To know that there are special songs we can sing to celebrate events.	To understand how to listen carefully and talk about what I hear.	To know that the beat is the steady pulse of a song.	To understand that a piece of music can tell a story with sounds.	To know that an orchestra is a big group of people playing a variety of instruments together.
	To understand that my voice or an instrument can match an action in a song.	To know that sounds can be copied by my voice, body percussion and instruments.	To know that tempo is the speed of the music.	To know that different instruments can sound like a particular character.	To know that music often has more than one instrument being played at a time.
Key knowledge from the unit	To know that moving to music can be part of a celebration.	To understand that instruments can be played loudly or softly.	To understand that we can match our body movements to the speed (tempo) or pulse (beat) of music.	To understand what 'high' and 'low' notes are.	To understand that performing means playing a finished piece of music for an audience.
	To recognise that different sounds can be long or short.	To know that music often has more than one instrument being played at a time.	To know that signals can tell us when to start or stop playing.		
	To recognise music that is 'fast' or 'slow'.				

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Year 1		◆ <u>Pulse and</u> <u>rhythm</u> (All about me)	◆ <u>Musical</u> vocabulary (Under the sea)	◆ Timbre and rhythmic patterns (Fairytales)	◆ Pitch and tempo (Superheroes)
Recognising and understanding the difference between pulse and rhythm.		V	<b>✓</b>	V	
Understanding that different types of sounds are called timbres.			~	V	
Recognising basic tempo, dynamic and pitch changes			V	V	V
Describing the character, mood, or 'story' of music they listen to (verbally or through movement)	Listening	V	~	V	V
Describing the differences between two pieces of music.			<b>V</b>	V	V
Expressing a basic opinion about music (like/dislike)					V
Listening to and repeating short, simple rhythmic patterns.		V		V	
Listening and responding to other performers by playing as part of a group.		V	~	~	~

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Year 1		◆ <u>Pulse and</u> <u>rhythm</u> (All about me)	<ul> <li>→ <u>Musical</u></li> <li><u>vocabulary</u></li> <li>(Under the sea)</li> </ul>	* Timbre and rhythmic patterns (Fairytales)	◆ Pitch and tempo (Superheroes)
Selecting and creating short sequences of sound with voices or instruments to represent a given idea or character.			~	~	~
Combining instrumental and vocal sounds within a given structure.		V	~	V	
Creating simple melodies using a few notes.			~		~
Choosing dynamics, tempo and timbre for a piece of music.	Composing		~	V	~
Creating a simple graphic score to represent a composition.  (NB Skill not covered in our condensed curriculum.)					
Beginning to make improvements to their work as suggested by the teacher.  (NB Skill not covered in our condensed curriculum.)					

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Using their voices expressively to speak and chant.		~		~	
Singing short songs from memory, maintaining the overall shape of the melody and keeping in time.		<b>✓</b>			
Maintaining the pulse (playing on the beat) using hands, and tuned and untuned Instruments.		<b>✓</b>			
Copying back short rhythmic and melodic phrases on percussion instruments.	Performing	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	
Responding to simple musical instructions such as tempo and dynamic changes as part of a class performance.			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Performing from graphic notation.  (NB Skill not covered in our condensed curriculum.)					

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Year 1	Pulse and rhythm (All about me)	◆ <u>Musical</u> vocabulary (Under the sea)	◆ Timbre and rhythmic patterns (Fairytales)	◆ Pitch and tempo (Superheroes)
	To know that rhythm means a pattern of long and short notes.	To understand that pitch means how high or low a note sounds.	To know that an instrument or rhythm pattern can represent a character in a story.	To understand that tempo can be used to represent mood or help tell a story.
Key knowledge from the unit	To know that pulse is the regular beat that goes through music.	To know that 'timbre' means the quality of a sound; eg that different instruments would sound different playing a note of the same pitch.	To know that my voice can create different timbres to help tell a story.	To understand that 'tuned' instruments play more than one pitch of notes.
	To understand that the pulse of music can get faster or slower.	To know that music has layers called 'texture'.	To know that Sergei Prokofiev wrote 'Peter and the Wolf' for children in 1936.	To know that following a leader when we perform helps everyone play together accurately.
	To know that a piece of music can have more than one section, eg a versed and a chorus.			

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Year 2	2	◆ West African call and response song (Animals)	◆ Orchestral instruments (Traditional Western stories)	<b>♦ Musical me</b>	On this island: British songs and sounds
Recognising timbre changes in music they listen to.		V	V	~	
Recognising structural features in music they listen to.		V	V	V	
Listening to and recognising instrumentation.		V	V		V
Beginning to use musical vocabulary to describe music.	Listening	V	<b>✓</b>	~	<b>✓</b>
Identifying melodies that move in steps.				<b>✓</b>	
Listening to and repeating a short, simple melody by ear.		V		~	
Suggesting improvements to their own and others' work.		V	V	V	

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Year 2		◆ West African call and response song (Animals)	◆ Orchestral instruments (Traditional Western stories)	<b>→ Musical me</b>	On this island: British songs and sounds
Selecting and creating longer sequences of appropriate sounds with voices or instruments to represent a given idea or character.		~	~	V	~
Successfully combining and layering several instrumental and vocal patterns within a given structure.				V	~
Creating simple melodies from five or more notes.				V	
Choosing appropriate dynamics, tempo and timbre for a piece of music	Composing	~	~	V	~
Using letter name and graphic notation to represent the details of their composition.		~		V	
Beginning to suggest improvements to their own work.		~	~	V	

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Using their voices expressively when singing, including the use of basic dynamics (loud and quiet).		<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Singing short songs from memory, with melodic and rhythmic accuracy.		~		~	~
Copying longer rhythmic patterns on untuned percussion instruments, keeping a steady pulse.	Performing	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
Performing expressively using dynamics and timbre to alter sounds as appropriate.		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Singing back short melodic patterns by ear and playing short melodic patterns from letter notation.				~	

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Year 2	◆ West African call and response song (Animals)	◆ Orchestral instruments (Traditional Western stories)	◆ <u>Musical me</u>	On this island: British songs and sounds
Key knowledge from the unit	To know that dynamics can change the effect a sound has on the audience.	To know that musical instruments can be used to create 'real life' sound effects.	To understand that 'melody' means a tune.	To know that folk music represents the traditions or culture of a place and is often passed on by being played rather than written down.
	To know that the long and short sounds of a spoken phrase can be represented by a rhythm.	To know that woodwind instruments, like flutes, are played by blowing air into or across a mouthpiece.	To know that 'notation' means writing music down so that someone else can play it.	To know that 'duration' means how long a note, phrase or whole piece of music lasts.
	To understand that structure means the organisation of sounds within music, eg a chorus and verse pattern in a song.	To know that stringed instruments, like violins, make a sound when their strings vibrate.	To understand that 'accompaniment' can mean playing instruments along with a song.	To know that a composition is a collection of musical elements, like the melody, percussion, dynamics etc that together make a piece of music.
	To understand that the tempo of a musical phrase can be changed to achieve a different effect.	To know that a brass instrument is played by vibrating your lips against the mouthpiece.	To understand that a melody is made up from high and low pitched notes played one after the other, making a tune.	
	To understand that an instrument can be matched to an animal noise based on its timbre.	To know that some tuned instruments have a lower range of pitches and some have a higher range of pitches.		

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Year 3		+ <u>Jazz</u>	<b>↑</b> <u>Liverpool</u> <u>Cathedral</u> <u>lessons</u>	◆ Pentatonic melodies and composition (Chinese New Year)	◆ <u>Traditional</u> <u>instruments and</u> <u>improvisation</u> ( <u>India</u> )
Discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary		V	<b>✓</b>	~	~
Understanding that music from different parts of the world, and different times, has different features.		~	V	~	~
Recognising and explaining the changes within a piece of music using musical vocabulary.		V	V	~	~
Describing the timbre, dynamic, and textural details of a piece of music, both verbally, and through movement.	Listening	V	<b>✓</b>	~	~
Beginning to show an awareness of metre.		V	<b>✓</b>	~	
Beginning to use musical vocabulary (related to the inter-dimensions of music) when discussing improvements to their own and others' work.		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	~	~

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Year 3		<b>→</b> <u>Jazz</u>	Liverpool Cathedral lessons	◆ Pentatonic melodies and composition (Chinese New Year)	◆ <u>Traditional</u> <u>instruments and</u> <u>improvisation</u> ( <u>India</u> )
Composing a piece of music in a given style with voices and instruments.		V	~		<b>✓</b>
Combining melodies and rhythms to compose a multi-layered composition in a given style (pentatonic).	Commonitor	V	V	V	
Using letter name and rhythmic notation (graphic or staff), and key musical vocabulary to label and record their compositions.	Composing	V	~	~	~
Suggesting and implementing improvements to their own work, using musical vocabulary.			~	~	
Singing songs in a variety of musical styles with accuracy and control, demonstrating developing vocal technique.		~	~		
Singing and playing in time with peers, with some degree of accuracy and awareness of their part in the group performance.	Performing	~	~	~	~
Performing from basic staff notation, incorporating rhythm and pitch and able to identify these symbols using musical terminology.		<b>✓</b>	~	~	~

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Year 3	+ <u>Jazz</u>	Liverpool Cathedral lessons	◆ Pentatonic melodies and composition (Chinese New Year)	◆ <u>Traditional</u> instruments and improvisation (India)
	'syncopation' means a rhythm that is played off the natural beat.	Explore rhythms Discover dynamics and how to use them Expand and explore melodic range To explore more dynamics To use call and response to create a song To begin to explore articulation	To know that the word 'crescendo' means a sound getting gradually louder.	To know that Indian music uses all of the sounds in between the 12 'notes' that we are used to in western music.
	uses syncopation and a fast tempo.	Navigate changing time signatures Co-ordination of voice and movement Develop complexity of rhythms Exploring smooth and bouncy rhythms Identify sequences and implement them with confidence.	traditional music around the world is based on five notes called a 'pentatonic' scale.	rhythm that is repeated over and over, usually on the drums called 'tabla'.

Key knowledge from the unit			To understand that a pentatonic melody uses only the five notes C D E G A.	To know that a 'rag' is the tune in traditional Indian music, and is often played on a stringed instrument called a 'sitar'
	To know that jazz is a type of music that originated in the African-American communities of the USA about 120 years ago.	To develop improvisational ideas To sing songs with large intervals with increasing precision To explore harmony through partner songs To ensure melody independence		
	To know that 'scat singing' is using made-up words to create the sound of an instrument playing.			To know that a 'drone' in music is a note that goes on and on, staying the same, a bit like someone humming a long-held note.
		To perform with energy and accuracy		To know that many types of music from around the world consist of more than one layer of sound; for example a 'tala' and 'rag' in traditional Indian music.

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Year 4		Body and tuned percussion (Rainforests)	◆ Changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics (Rivers)	◆ Adapting and transposing motifs (Romans)	Whole class Instrument Tuition
Recognising the use and development of motifs in music.		V	<b>✓</b>	~	<b>✓</b>
Identifying gradual dynamic and tempo changes within a piece of music.		V	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Recognising and discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary.			~		~
Identifying common features between different genres, styles and traditions of music.	Listening			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Recognising, naming and explaining the effect of the interrelated dimensions of music.		V	~	<b>✓</b>	~
Identifying scaled dynamics (crescendo/decrescendo) within a piece of music.		V	~	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Using musical vocabulary to discuss the purpose of a piece of music.		V	~	<b>✓</b>	~

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Using musical vocabulary when discussing improvements to their own and others' work.	Listening	V	~	V	V
Composing a coherent piece of music in a given style with voices, bodies and instruments.		V	~	V	
Beginning to improvise musically within a given style.			V	V	
Developing melodies using rhythmic variation, transposition, inversion, and looping.		~	~	~	
Creating a piece of music with at least four different layers and a clear structure.	Composing	V			
Using letter name, graphic and rhythmic notation and musical vocabulary to label and record their compositions.			~	~	
Suggesting improvements to others work, using musical vocabulary.		V		~	

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Year 4		◆ Body and tuned percussion (Rainforests)	◆ Changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics (Rivers)	◆ Adapting and transposing motifs (Romans)	Whole class Instrument Tuition
Singing longer songs in a variety of musical styles from memory, with accuracy, control, fluency and a developing sense of expression including control of subtle dynamic changes.			~	<b>✓</b>	
Singing and playing in time with peers with accuracy and awareness of their part in the group performance		~	~	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Playing melody parts on tuned instruments with accuracy and control and developing instrumental technique.	Performing	~		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Develop facility in the basic skills of a selected musical instrument over a sustained learning period,					<b>✓</b>
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.					~

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Year 4	* Body and tuned percussion (Rainforests)	<ul> <li>◆ Changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics (Rivers)</li> </ul>	◆ Adapting and transposing motifs (Romans)	Whole class Instrument Tuition
	To know that deciding the structure of music when composing can help us create interesting music with contrasting sections.		To understand that  musical motifs (repeating patterns) are used as a building block in many well-known pieces of music for example, Beethoven's fifth symphony (dah dah dah dum!).	To develop the skills of playing a brass instrument over a sustained period of time.
Key knowledge from the unit	To know that  combining different instruments and different rhythms when we compose can create layers of sound we call 'texture'.	harmony means playing two notes at the same time, which usually sound good together.	To know that  'transposing' a melody means changing its key, making it higher or lower pitched.	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.
	To know that a 'loop' in	An ostinato is a musical	To know that a motif	Introduce and understand the differences between minims, crotchets, paired quavers and rests.
	music is a repeated melody or rhythm.	pattern that is repeated over and over; a vocal ostinato is a pattern created with your voice.	can be adapted by changing the notes, the rhythm or the order of notes.	
© Copyright 2022	To know that changing	To know that	Lknowlodgo by unit	

	the dynamics of a musical phrase or motif can change the texture of a piece of music.	'performance directions' are words added to music notation to tell the performers how to play.		Read and perform pitch notation within a defined range (e.g. C–G/do–so).	
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Year 5		<b>→</b> <u>Blues</u>	◆ South and West  Africa	<u>Musical theatre</u>	Looping and remixing	Whole class Instrument Tuition
Recognising and confidently discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary.		<b>~</b>	~	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	~
Representing the features of a piece of music using graphic notation, and colours, justifying their choices with reference to musical vocabulary.	l intenior	<b>~</b>				
Comparing, discussing and evaluating music using detailed musical vocabulary.	Listening	V	~	~	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Developing confidence in using detailed musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) to discuss and evaluate their own and others' work.			~	•	~	<b>✓</b>
Composing a detailed piece of music from a given stimulus with voices, bodies and instruments (Remix, Colours, Stories, Drama).			~	<b>~</b>		
Improvising coherently within a given style.	Composing	~		<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	

<sup>→</sup> **NB**. Unit appears in the condensed curriculum

Year 5		◆ <u>Blues</u>	+ South and West Africa	Musical theatre	Looping and remixing	Whole class Instrument Tuition
Combining rhythmic patterns (ostinato) into a multi-layered composition using all the inter-related dimensions of music to add musical interest.				~	V	
Using staff notation to record rhythms and melodies.						~
Selecting, discussing and refining musical choices both alone and with others, using musical vocabulary with confidence.	Composing	V	~	~		
Suggesting and demonstrating improvements to own and others' work.		V	~			
Singing songs in two or more parts, in a variety of musical styles from memory, with accuracy, fluency, control and expression.		<b>✓</b>	~	~	<b>✓</b>	
Working as a group to perform a piece of music, adjusting dynamics and pitch according to a graphic score, keeping in time with others and communicating with the group.	Performing	~	•	~	~	

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Combining rhythmic patterns (ostinato) into a multi-layered composition using all the inter-related dimensions of music to add musical interest.		~	~		~	
Using staff notation to record rhythms and melodies.	Performing	<b>V</b>	~			
Play a melody following staff notation and using notes within an octave range (do–do); make decisions about dynamic range, including very loud (ff), very quiet (pp), moderately loud (mf) and moderately quiet (mp).						<b>✓</b>
Playing syncopated rhythms with accuracy, control and fluency.		~				~
Perform a range of repertoire pieces and arrangements combining acoustic instruments to form mixed ensembles.						~
To continue developing the skills of reading musical notation on the stave when playing a brass instrument.						~

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Year 5	<b>→</b> <u>Blues</u>	◆ <u>South and West</u> <u>Africa</u>	<u>Musical theatre</u>	Looping and remixing	Whole class Instrument Tuition
	To understand that a chord is the layering of several pitches played at the same time.	To know that songs sung in other languages can contain sounds that are unfamiliar to us, like the clicks of the Xhosa language.	To understand that musical theatre includes both character and action songs, which explain what is going on and how characters feel.	To know that dance music is usually produced using electronic percussion sounds, and recordings of the music are played by DJs in clubs or at festivals.	To continue developing the skills of reading musical notation on the stave when playing a brass instrument.
	To know that 12-bar Blues is a sequence of 12 bars of music, made up of three different chords.	To know that 'The Click Song' is a traditional song sung in the Xhosa language and is believed to bring good luck at weddings.	To know that choreography means the organisation of steps or moves in a dance.	To know that a loop is a repeated rhythm or melody, and is another word for ostinato.	To continue developing the skills of reading musical notation on the stave when playing a brass instrument.
Key knowledge from the unit	To know that 'blues' music aims to share feelings and blues songs tend to be about sadness or worry.	To understand that major chords create a bright, happy sound.	To know that musical theatre uses transitions, which are short passages of music used to move between sections of the musical action.	To know that remix is music that has been changed, usually so it is suitable for dancing to.	To perform a range of repertoire pieces and arrangements combining acoustic instruments to form a mixed ensemble concert to school and parents / carers and the wider community.
	To know that a 'bent note' is a note that varies in its pitch, eg the pitch may slide up or down.	To know that poly-rhythms means many rhythms played at once.			
	To understand that a chord is the layering of several pitches played at the same time.	To know that songs sung in other languages can contain sounds that are unfamiliar to us, like the clicks of the Xhosa language.	To understand that musical theatre includes both character and action songs, which explain what is going on and how characters feel.	To know that dance music is usually produced using electronic percussion sounds, and recordings of the music are played by DJs in clubs or at festivals.	

Year 6		<b>◆ Advanced</b> <u>rhythms</u>	◆ Dynamics, pitch and texture (Coast- Fingal's Cave)	Film music	◆ Theme and variations (Pop Art)	◆ Composing and performing a Leavers' song
Discussing musical eras in context, identifying how they have influenced each other, and discussing the impact of different composers on the development of musical styles			~		~	
Recognising and confidently discussing the stylistic features of music and relating it to other aspects of the Arts		<b>V</b>		~	~	~
Representing changes in pitch, dynamics and texture using graphic notation, justifying their choices with reference to musical vocabulary.			~	V	~	
Identifying the way that features of a song can complement one another to create a coherent overall effect.	Listening	V		~	~	~
Use musical vocabulary correctly when describing and evaluating the features of a piece of music.		V	~	~	~	~
Evaluating how the venue, occasion and purpose affects the way a piece of music sounds.		V		V		~

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Year 6		<b>♦</b> <u>Advanced</u> <u>rhythms</u>	◆ <u>Dynamics, pitch</u> <u>and texture</u> ( <u>Coast- Fingal's</u> <u>Cave</u> )	<u>Film music</u>	★ <u>Theme and</u> variations     (Pop Art)	◆ Composing and performing a Leavers' song
Confidently using detailed musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) to discuss and evaluate their own and others work.	Listening	~	~	~	~	
Improvising coherently and creatively within a given style, incorporating given features.		V	V	V	<b>✓</b>	~
Composing a multi-layered piece of music from a given stimulus with voices, bodies and Instruments.			~		~	~
Composing an original song, incorporating lyric writing, melody writing and the composition of accompanying features, within a given structure.	Composing					~
Developing melodies using rhythmic variation, transposition and changes in dynamics, pitch and texture.			V		~	
Recording own composition using appropriate forms of notation and/or technology and incorporating.		V	~	V		~
Constructively critique their own and others' work, using musical vocabulary.		V	~	V	~	~

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Year 6	5	<b>◆ Advanced</b> <u>rhythms</u>	◆ Dynamics, pitch and texture (Coast- Fingal's Cave)	<u>Film music</u>	↑ Theme and variations     (Pop Art)	◆ Composing and performing a Leavers' song
Singing songs in two or more secure parts from memory, with accuracy, fluency, control and expression.		V			~	~
Working as a group to perform a piece of music, adjusting the interrelated dimensions of music as required, keeping in time and communicating with the group.		~	~	~	~	~
Performing a solo or taking a leadership role within a performance.	Performing		~			~
Performing with accuracy and fluency from graphic and staff notation and from their own notation.		~	~	~	~	~
Performing by following a conductor's cues and directions.		~	~			~

<sup>→</sup> **NB**. Unit appears in the condensed curriculum

Year 6	<b>♦</b> <u>Advanced</u> <u>rhythms</u>	◆ <u>Dynamics, pitch</u> <u>and texture</u> (Coast- Fingal's <u>Cave</u> )	<u>Film music</u>	↑ Theme and variations     (Pop Art)	<ul><li>◆ Composing and performing a Leavers' song</li></ul>
Key knowledge from the unit  ◆ NB. Unit appears in the condensed	To know that 'graphic notation' means writing music down using your choice of pictures or symbols but 'staff notation' means music written more formally on the special lines called 'staves'.	To know that the conductor beats time to help the performers work well together.	To know that a film soundtrack includes the background music and any songs in a film.	To know that a 'theme' is a main melody in a piece of music.	To know that a chord progression is a sequence of chords that repeats throughout a song.
	To know that Steve Reich is a composer who wrote the minimalist piece 'Clapping Music' in 1972.	To understand that improvisation means making up music 'on the spot'.	To understand that 'major' key signatures use note pitches that sound cheerful and upbeat.	To know that 'variations' in music are when a main melody is changed in some way throughout the piece.	To know that a melody can be adapted by changing its dynamics, pitch or tempo.
	To understand that all types of music notation show note duration, including the Kodaly method which uses syllables to indicate rhythms.	To understand that texture can be created by adding or removing instruments in a piece and can create the effect of dynamic change.	To understand that 'minor' key signatures use note pitches that can suggest sadness and tension.	To know that 'The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra' was written in 1945 by Benjamin Britten.	To know that chord progressions are represented in music by Roman numerals.
	To know that a quaver is worth half a beat.	To know that timbre can also be thought of as 'tone colour' and can be described in many ways eg warm or cold, rich or bright.	To know that 'graphic notation' means writing music down using your choice of pictures or symbols but 'staff notation' means music written more formally on the special lines called 'stayes'.	To understand that representing beats of silence or 'rests' in written music is important as it helps us play rhythms correctly.	To understand that all types of music notation show note duration.

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