Music skills progression at Albourne CE Primary									
Reception	KS1 skills	Year 1	Year 2	KS2 skills	Year 3	Year 4 WSM	Year 5	Year 6	
Controlling sounds through singing and playing (play and perform)									
Use voices in different ways. Use big clear mouth shapes to form words.	Use voices expressively	Use voices in different ways such as speaking, singing and chanting.	Use voices expressively and creatively. To sing with the sense of shape of the melody. Some singing in 2-parts - Charanga	Sing songs in unison and 2 parts (2 part mainly covered in singing assembly)	Sing in unison, becoming aware of pitch.	Sing in unison maintaining the correct pitch and using increasing expression.	Sing in unison with clear articulation, controlled pitch and sense of phrase.	Sing in solo, unison and in parts with clear articulation, controlled pitch and with sense of phrase.	
Perform simple accompaniments. Show changes in pitch using untuned and tuned percussion e.g. steps, slides, jumps	Play tuned and un-tuned instruments	Create and choose sounds Perform simple rhythmical patterns, beginning to show an awareness of pulse.	Create and choose sounds for a specific effect. To perform rhythmical patterns and accompaniments, keeping a steady pulse.	Play tuned and un-tuned instruments with control and accuracy	Perform simple rhythmic and musical parts, beginning to vary the pitch with a small range of notes.	Play and perform with an increasing number of notes, beginning to show musical expression by changing dynamics.	Play and perform parts in a range of solo and ensemble contexts with increasing accuracy and expression.	Play and perform with accuracy, fluency, control and expression.	
Sit or stand to perform.	Rehearse and perform with others	Think about others when performing. Begin to think about how to improve performances.	Think about others while performing. Begin to think about how to improve performances.	Practise, rehearse and present performances with an awareness of the audience	Think about others while performing. Think about how to and improve my performances.	Think about others while performing. Think about how to and improve my performances.	Continue my own part while being aware of how different parts fit together.	Think about the audience when performing and how to create a specific effect	

Experiment with sounds.	Create musical patterns	Know about and experiment with sounds.	Repeat short rhythmic and melodic patterns.	Improvise, developing rhythmic and melodic material when performing	Create simple rhythmical patterns that use a small range of notes.	Create rhythmical and simple melodic patterns using an increased number of notes.	Create increasingly complicated	Create and improvise melodic and rhythmic phrases as part of a
Put sounds together with someone else's. Start and stop playing in unison with others.	Explore, choose and organise sounds and musical ideas	Recognise and explore how sounds can be organised. To identify and organise sounds using simple criteria e.g. loud, soft, high low.	Begin to explore, choose and order sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music (see below).	Explore, choose, combine and organise musical ideas with musical structures	Begin to join simple layers of sound, e.g. a background rhythm and a solo melody.	Join layers of sound, thinking about musical dynamics of each layer and understanding the effect.	rhythmic and melodic phrases with a given structure.	group performance and compose by developing ideas within a range of given musical structures.

Respond to	Explore and	Talk about how	Respond to	Analyse and	Explore and	Recognise and	Describe,	Describe,
music through	express ideas	music makes you	different moods	compare	comment on	explore how	compare and	compare and
movement.	and feelings	feel or want to	in music and	sounds	how sounds	sounds can be	evaluate	evaluate
	about music	move e.g. it	explain by	Explore and	can be used	combined and	different	different
	using	makes me want	thinking about	explain ideas	expressively	used	types of music	types of music
	movement,	to	the changes in	and feelings		expressively	beginning to	using a range
	dance and	jump/sleep/shout	sound.	about music		and comment	use musical	of musical
	expressive	etc.		using		on this effect	words.	vocabulary
	and musical			movement,				including the
	language			dance and				inter-related
				expressive				dimensions of
				and musical				music.
				language				
Use non-verbal	Make	Think about and	Identify what	Reflect on	Comment on	Comment on	Comment on	Evaluate the
methods to	improvements	make simple	improvements	and improve	the	the	the success of	success of
describe how	to my own	suggestions	could be made to	own and	effectiveness	effectiveness	own and	own and
music makes me	work	about what could	their own work	others work	of own work,	of own work,	others work,	others' work,
feel.		make their own	and make these	in relation to its intended	identifying and	identifying	suggesting	suggesting
		work better e.g. play faster or	changes, including altering	effect	making improvements.	and making improvements	improvements based on	specific improvements
		louder.	use of voice,	enect	improvements.	based on its	intended	based on
		louder.	playing of and			intended	outcomes.	intended
			choice of			outcome.	outcomes.	outcomes and
			instruments.			outcome.		comment on
			mstraments.					how this
								could be
								achieved
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Begin to identify	Listen with	Begin to identify	Identify and	Listen with	Listen with	Listen to and	Listen to and	Listen to,
simple repeated	concentration	simple repeated	recognise	attention to	attention and	recall patterns	recall a range	internalise
patterns.	and recall	patterns and	repeated	detail and to	begin to recall	of sounds	of sounds and	and recall
	sounds within	follow basic	patterns and	internalise	sounds.	with	patterns of	sounds and
	increasing	musical	follow a wider	and recall		increasing	sounds	patterns of
	aural	instructions.	range of musical	sounds		accuracy.	confidently.	sounds with
	memory.		instructions.					accuracy and confidence.
Differentiate	Know how the	Begin to	Understand how	Know how	Begin to	Understand	Begin to	Identify and
between high	combined	understand that	musical elements	the combined	understand	how different	identify the	explore the
and low pitch,	musical	musical elements	create different	musical	how different	musical	relationship	relationship
slow and fast	elements of	can be used to	moods and	elements of	musical	elements are	between	between
music.	pitch,	create different	effects.	pitch,	elements are	combined and	sounds and	sounds and
	duration,	moods and		duration,	combined to	used	how music	how music
	dynamics,	effects		dynamics,	create an	expressively	can reflect	can reflect
	tempo,			tempo,	effect		different	different
	timbre,			timbre,			meanings	meanings
	texture and			texture and				
	silence can be			silence can				
	organised and			be organised				
	used			within				
	expressively			musical				
	within simple			structures				
	structures.			and used to				
				communicate				
				different				
				moods and effects.				

Use pictures to	Understand	Begin to	Confidently	Know that	Begin to	Understand	Recognise and	Use and apply
represent and	that sounds	represent sounds	represent sounds	music is	recognise	and begin to	use a range of	a range of
organise sounds.	can be made	with simple	with simple	produced in	simple	use	musical	musical
	in different	sounds including	sounds including	different	notations to	established	notations	notations
	ways and	shapes and	shapes and	ways and is	represent	and invented	including staff	including staff
	described	marks.	marks.	described	music,	musical	notation.	notation, to
	using given			through	including pitch	notations to		plan, revise
	and invented			relevant and	and volume.	represent		and refine
	signs and			invented		music.		musical
	symbols			notations				material.
Listen to music	Know how	Listen to short,	Listen to pieces	Understand	Listen and	Listen to a	Listen to a	Develop an
and respond to	music is used	simple pieces of	of music and	how time and	begin to	wide range of	range of high	understanding
the mood	for particular	music and talk	discuss	place can	respond to	high quality	quality, live	of the history
through painting.	purposes	about when and	where/when	influence the	music drawn	live and	and recorded	of music from
		why they may	they would be	way music is	from different	recorded	music from	different,
		hear it e.g. a	heard	created	traditions and	music from	different	cultures,
		lullaby or	Explain why using		great	different	traditions,	traditions,
		Wedding march.	simple musical		composers	traditions,	composers	composers
			vocabulary e.g. it		and musicians.	great	and musicians	and musicians
			is quiet and			composers	and begin to	evaluating the
			smooth so it			and	discuss their	purpose and
			would be good			musicians.	differences –	effects of the
			for a lullaby				how has	music – how it
							music	is created and
							changed over	performed.
							time?	

Inter-related dimensions of music (dynamics):

PULSE: the steady beat in a piece of music

PITCH: the melody. The way the notes change from low to high and vice versa.

RHYTHM: pattern of long and short sounds in a piece of music (e.g. Ta TiTi Ta TiTi)

DYNAMICS: Loud or quiet/soft

TEMPO: Fast or slow, e.g. allegro means fast

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 put together -e.g. intro, verse, chorus, verse, bridge, chorus, outro