Music – Knowledge and Skills Progression Grid

| Music Skills | Year 1 and 2 | Year 3 and 4 | Year 5 and 6 |
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| Performing | Use their voice to speak/sing and chant Handle instruments correctly and with care Use instruments to perform Look at the audience when performing Clap short rhythmic patterns Copy sounds Sing accurately at a given pitch Follow a melody when singing Keep a steady pulse when performing simple patterns and accompaniments Follow instructions about when to play or sing Perform as a group | Sing in tune and with expression Sing songs from memory Play clear notes on instruments Work with a partner/small group, to perform a piece of music using more than one instrument Perform a simple part rhythmically Improvise using repeated patterns Use simple harmony Use notation for a performance | Breathe in the correct place when singing Sing expressively Perform from simple notations Improvise using melodic and rhythmic phrases Perform parts from memory Take the lead in a performance Take on a solo part Sing a harmony part confidently and accurately Provide rhythmic support Listen and play together as an ensemble Follow the instructions of a conductor |
| Composing | Make different sounds using voices and instruments Identify changes in sounds Repeat short rhythmic and melodic patterns Create a sequence of sounds Show sounds by using pictures Show sounds by using graphic Notation (Y2) | Use a range of inter-related dimensions of music in their compositions Create repeated patterns with different instruments Create accompaniments for melodies Combine different sounds to create a specific mood or feeling Use tempo as a contrast in a piece of music Begin to understand notation Use notations to record and interpret sequences of pitches Explore and use sets of pitches e.g 4 and 5 note scales. Work with a partner/small group, to develop a composition | Change sounds or organise them differently to create effects Compose music which meets specific criteria Choose the most appropriate tempo for piece of music Compose in basic structural forms e.g verse, chorus, ABA, rounds Use a variety of different musical devices in their composition e.g melody, rhythm and chords Recognise that different forms of notation serve different purposes Use different forms of notation Combine groups of beats |
| Listening and Appraising | Respond to different moods in music Talk about how a piece of music makes them feel Talk about whether they like or dislike a piece of music Recognise repeated patterns | Improve work with explanation Use musical words to describe a piece of music Identify the character of a piece of music Recognise gradual or sudden change Identify how a change of timbre can change the effect of a piece of music Identify repetition, contrasts and variations Explain the place of silence and say what effect it has Describe and identify the different purposes of music Identify the style of different composers | Describe, compare and evaluate music using musical vocabulary Explain why their music is successful or unsuccessful Suggest improvements to their own work and the work of others. Evaluate how the venue, occasion and purpose affects the way a piece of music is created Compare and contrast the impact that different composers from different times will have had on the people of the time |