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Area 1:	KS1	LKS2		UKS2	
Listening &					
responding to	1a: Demonstrate an	1a: Demonstrate an	1a: Demonstrate an	1a: Demonstrate an	1a: Demonstrate an
Music	understanding and	understanding and	understanding and	understanding and	understanding and
	appropriate use of	appropriate use of musical			
1a: Understanding	musical language	language (including musical	language (including musical	language (including	language (including musical
and	(Including basic musical	elements), from both prior	elements), from both	musical elements), from	elements), from both prior
Using Musical	elements), from both prior	and new learning.	prior and new learning.	both prior and new	and new learning.
Language	and new learning.			learning.	
1b: Understanding		1b: Identify and describe	1b: Identify and describe a		1b: Identify and describe a
and	1b: Demonstrate a basic	feelings as they relate to	variety of contrasting	1b: Identify and describe a	variety of contrasting
identifying	understanding of how	music	feelings as they relate to	variety of contrasting	feelings as they relate to
connections	feelings can connect		music.	feelings as they relate to	music.
between	with/relate to music.	1c: Demonstrate an		music.	
music and our		understanding of the	1c: Demonstrate an		1c: Demonstrate an
feelings	1c: Demonstrate some	musical style and a broader	understanding of the	1c: Demonstrate an	understanding of the
1c: Understanding	basic understanding of	understanding of the	musical style and a broader	understanding of the	musical style and a broader
and	musical style.	cultural and historical	understanding of the	musical style and a	understanding of the cultural
identifying		connections to the music.	cultural and historical	broader understanding of	and historical
musical			connections to the music.	the cultural and historical	connections and context of
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connections and					
context of music					



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Area 2:	KS1	LKS2	·	UKS2	•
Understanding & using the language of Music	2b: Demonstrate an understanding and use of basic differences in pitch (high and low) and note duration (long and short).	2c: Make an informed decision as to which notes to use when composing and improvising with the song.	2c: make an informed decision as to which notes to use when composing and improvising with the song.	2c: Make an informed decision as to which notes and expression to use when composing and improvising with the song.	2c: Make an informed decision as to which notes and expression to use when composing and improvising with the song.
2a: Understanding and using differences in pitch and note duration Composing & Improvising 2b: Understanding and applying the concepts 2c: Creating melody according to guidelines 2d: Following instrumental parts in a group performance	2d: Demonstrate an understanding of the basic concepts of improvisation and composition.	 2a: create a four or six-bar melody according to the instructions given (for the Music Notepad composition task) 2b: When playing instrumental parts with the song, follow the instrumental part on the screen, playing by ear or with the notation provided. 	 2a: create a four or six-bar melody according to the instructions given (for the Music Notepad composition task) 2b: When playing instrumental parts with the song, follow the instrumental part on the screen, playing by ear or with the notation provided. 	 2a: Create a four, six or eight-bar melody according to the instructions given (for the Music Notepad composition task) 2b: When playing instrumental parts with the song, follow the instrumental part on the screen. Playing is secure – by ear or with the notation provided. (aim to be able to read at least the simplest part of the piece). 	 2a Create a four, Six, eight or 12-bar melody according to the instructions given (for the Music Notepad composition task) 2b: When playing instrumental parts with the song, follow the instrumental part on the screen. Playing is secure – by ear or with the notation provided. (aim to be able to read at least the simplest part of the piece). In Year 6, this includes any musical expression considered for the performance.



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Area 3:	KS1	LKS2		UKS2	
Developing Performance Awareness & skills	2a: demonstrate an awareness of pulse/ beat when listening, moving to and performing music.	2a: Demonstrate an awareness of pulse/beat when listening, moving to and performing music.	2a: Demonstrate an increasing awareness of pulse /beat when listening, moving to and performing music.	3a: Demonstrate with confidence an awareness of pulse /beat when listening, moving to and performing music.	3a: Demonstrate with confidence an awareness of pulse/beat when listening, moving to and performing music.
 3a: Feeling the pulse/beat 3b: Understanding the importance of posture and technique when performing. 3c: Rehearsing and Performing. Reflecting upon preparation and the context of the piece itself Connecting to the Social Theme Understanding and applying learning from the Musical Spotlight 	2c: demonstrate a basic understanding of the importance of posture and technique when performing.2e: introduce my performance(s).	 3b: Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of posture, diction and technique when performing. 3c: When planning, rehearsing, introducing and performing the song: Introduce the performance with context and understanding of the song, the learning process and any other relevant connections. Understand and make connections between the music encountered and the Social Theme. Understand and apply learning from the Musical Spotlight 	 3b: demonstrate an understanding of the importance of posture, diction and technique when performing. 3c: When planning, rehearsing, introducing and performing the song: Introduce the performance with context and understanding of the song, the learning process and any other relevant connections. Understand and make connections between the music encountered and the Social Theme. Understand and apply learning from the Musical Spotlight 	 3b: demonstrate – and can explain – an understanding of the importance of posture, diction and technique when performing. 3c: When planning, rehearsing, introducing and performing the song: Introduce the performance with context and understanding of the song, the learning process and any other relevant connections. Understand and make connections between the music encountered and the Social Theme. Understand and apply learning from the Musical Spotlight 	 3b: demonstrate – and can explain – an understanding of the importance of posture, diction and technique when performing. 3c: When planning, rehearsing, introducing and performing the song: Introduce the performance with context and understanding of the song, the learning process and any other relevant connections. Understand and make connections between the music encountered and the Social Theme. Understand and apply learning from the Musical Spotlight



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Pulse/Beat	KS1	LKS2		UKS2	•
/Metre	- Watch and follow a steady beat.	- Recognise and move in time with the beat.	- Recognise and move in time with a steady beat.	- Recognise and move in time with the changing speed of a steady beat.	- Recognise and move in time with the changing speed of a steady beat.
	- Find a steady beat. Recognise the time signature 4/4 by ear and notation.	 Play the steady beat on percussion instruments. Recognise the 'strong' beat. 	- Play in time with a steady beat and identify the metres 2/4, 4/4 and 3/4.	- Play in time with a steady beat and identify the metres 2/4, 4/4, 3/4, 5/4 and 6/8.	Play in time with a steady beat and identify the metres 2/4, 4/4, 3/4, 6/8 and 5/4.
	- Understand that the speed of the beat can change, creating a faster or slower pace (tempo).	- Play in time with a steady beat in 2/4, 4/4 and 3/4.	- Respond to the 'offbeat' or 'backbeat'.	- Respond to the 'offbeat' or 'backbeat.	- Identify syncopation and swing.



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Rhythm	KS1	LKS2		UKS2	
-	- Recognise long and short	- Recognise by ear and	- Recognise by ear and	- Recognise by ear and	- Recognise by ear and notation:
	sounds and match them to	notation: minims,	notation: Semibreves,	notation:	Minims, crotchets, quavers,
	syllables and movement.	crotchets, quavers and	minims, crotchets, quavers	Minims, dotted crotchets,	semiquavers and their rests
		their rests.	and semiquavers.	crotchets, quavers and	
	- Play copy back rhythms,		Dotted minims and dotted	their rests	- Recognise by ear and notation:
	copying a leader, and	- Copy simple rhythm	crotchets		6/8 rhythm patterns; Dotted
	invent rhythms for others	patterns created from	O serve size a la strattant	- Recognise by ear and	crotchets, triplet quavers, dotted
	to copy on untuned and	minims, crotchets,	- Copy simple rhythm	notation:	triplet quavers, quavers and their
	tuned percussion.	quavers and their rests.	patterns created from	6/8 rhythm patterns	rests
	Create rhythma using	Create simple that	semibreves, minims,	Dotted crotchets, triplet	December by car and notation:
	- Create rhythms using	- Create simple rhythm	crotchets, quavers and rests.	quavers, dotted quavers,	- Recognise by ear and notation:
	word phrases as a starting point.	patterns by ear and using simple notation	Tests.	quavers and their rests	9/8 rhythm patterns; Dotted crotchets, triplet quavers and
	point.	from minims, crotchets,	- Create rhythm patterns by	- Recognise dotted rhythm	quaver notes and their rests
		quavers and their rests.	ear and using simple	in melodies.	quaver notes and their rests
		quavers and their rests.	notation, which use	in melodies.	- Recognise dotted rhythm in
		- Alternate between a	semibreves, minims,	- Copy simple rhythm	melodies.
		steady beat and rhythm.	crotchets and guavers.	patterns using the above	
				rhythms.	- Copy simple rhythm patterns
			- Understand and explain the	,	using the above rhythms.
			difference between beat and	- Create rhythm patterns by	
			rhythm.	ear and using simple	- Create rhythm patterns by ear and
				notation, which use the	using simple notation, that use the
			- Recall the most memorable	above rhythm patterns.	above rhythm patterns.
			rhythms in a song or piece of		
			music.	- Recall the most	- Recall the most memorable
				memorable rhythms in a	rhythms in a song or piece of
				song or piece of music.	music.



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Pitch	KS1	LKS2	1	UKS2	L
(melody)	- Identify the high notes and low notes in a melody.	- Show the shape of a melody as rising and falling in pitch.	- Identify and explain what a melody is.	- Identify and explain steps, jumps and leaps in the pitch of a melody.	- Identify major and minor tonality by ear and from notation
	- Join in with part of a melody.	- Learn to sing a melody by ear or from notation.	- Learn to sing and follow a melody by ear and from notation.	- Learn to sing and follow a melody by ear and from notation.	- Learn to play one or more of 4 differentiated melodic instrumental parts, by ear and from notation.
	- Rehearse and play a simple instrumental melody as a part to go with a song.	- Learn to rehearse and play a melodic instrumental part by ear or from notation.	 - Understand melodic movement up and down as pitch. - Learn to play 1 of 4 differentiated melodic 	- Learn to play one or more of 4 differentiated melodic instrumental parts by ear and from notation.	- Identify the names of the pitched notes on a stave: C, D, E, E♭, F♯, G, A, B, B♭, C, C♯, D.
	- Identify the names of the notes on a glockenspiel: C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C.	- Identify the names of the pitched notes on a stave: C, D, E, F, F♯, G, A, B, B♭, C.	instrumental parts, by ear and from notation. - Identify the names of the	- Identify the names of the pitched notes on a stave: C, D, E, E♭, F♯, G, A, B, B♭, C, C♯, D.	- Identify the following scales by ear or from notation: A minor, G major, D major, D minor, F major.
	- Use body percussion, untuned and tuned percussion instruments with a	Identify the scales of: C major G major F major Identify if a scale is	pitched notes on a stave: C, D, E, E♭, F♯, G, A, B, B♭, C, C♯, D. - Identify the following scales by ear or from notation: C major, F	- Identify the following scales by ear or from notation: C major, F major, D minor, G major, E♭ major, C minor.	 Identify an interval of a major triad: 3rd, 5th. Identify an octave by ear or notation. Copy simple melodies by ear or
	song, and listen to how the sounds blend together.	major or minor. - Copy simple melodies	major, G major, A minor. - Copy simple melodies by ear or	- Copy simple melodies by ear or from reading notation.	from reading notation. Create melodies by ear and notate them.
	- Identify and play by ear or notation notes in the tonality of C major.	by ear or from reading notation. - Create melodies by ear	from reading notation. - Create melodies by ear and notate them.	- Create melodies by ear and notate them.	 Use chords C, F, G and A minor by ear or from notation. Identify the tonal centres of:
		and notate them.	- Identify and talk about the way vocals are used in a song.	- Add new chords II and VI from a given tonality.	A minor, G major, D major, D minor, F major.
		or from notation: • Five-note scale • Pentatonic scale	- Identify and demonstrate a major and minor scale.	 Identify tone by ear or from notation. Identify intervals 3rd, 5th and 	- Identify and demonstrate the following scales by ear and from notation: Major scale, minor scale, pentatonic scale,
				7th.	blues scale.



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Pitch (melody) Continued	Year 1 and 2 KS1	Year 3 LKS2	- Identify and explain: Harmony: two or more notes heard at the same time - Second part: a second	UKS2 - Identify the tonal centres of: C major and C minor, F major, D minor and D major, E♭ major. - Identify and demonstrate the	Year 6
			 musical part, usually a melodic line, that creates harmony. Explore chords I, IV and V in instrumental accompaniments. Explore intervals of 3rd, 5th and octaves. Identify the following tonal centres by ear or from notation: C major, F major, G major, A minor. 	following scales by ear and from - notation: major scale, minor scale, pentatonic scale.	



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Tempo	KS1	LKS2		UKS2	
	- Recognise the difference	- Recognise the difference	- Recognise the difference	- Recognise the difference	- Recognise the difference between
	between the speed of a	between the speed of a	between the speed of a	between the speed of a	the speed of a steady beat, a fast
	steady beat, a fast beat	steady beat, a fast beat and	steady beat, a fast beat and a	steady beat, a fast beat and	beat and a slow beat.
	and a slow beat.	a slow beat.	slow beat.	a slow beat.	
					- Change the speed of a steady beat,
	- Change the speed of a	- Change the speed of a	- Change the speed of a	- Change the speed of a	moving from fast to slow, slow to
	steady beat, moving from	steady beat, moving from	steady beat moving from fast	steady beat, moving from	fast.
	fast to slow, slow to fast.	fast to slow, slow to fast.	to slow, slow to fast.	fast to slow, slow to fast.	
					- Control the speed of a steady beat,
	- Understand that the	- Control the speed of a	- Control the speed of a	- Control the speed of a	getting faster and getting slower.
	speed of the beat can	steady beat, getting faster	steady beat, getting faster	steady beat, getting	
	change, creating a faster	and getting slower.	and getting slower.	faster and getting slower.	- Direct the class in controlling the
	or slower pace.				speed of a steady beat in a class
			- Direct the class in	- Direct the class in	performance.
			controlling the speed of a	controlling the speed of a	
			steady beat in a class	steady beat in a class	- Recognise the connection between
			performance.	performance.	tempi and musical styles.
				- Recognise the connection	- Recognise an effective use of
				between tempi and musical	tempo at the end of a song.
				styles.	



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Dynamics	KS1 - Identify loud and quiet sections of music and discuss what makes	LKS2 - Listen out and respond to forte (loud) sections of music.	- Identify gradation of Dynamics.	UKS2 - Identify dynamics and how they change the mood and feel of the music: forte,	- Identify how dynamics change the mood and feel of music using vocabulary: forte, piano, mezzo
	the music loud or quiet. - Understand the meaning of loud and quiet (forte and piano).	 Identify instruments playing loud dynamics when listening to the music. Use dynamics to help communicate the meaning of a song. 	- Use the correct vocabulary to describe crescendo and diminuendo.	piano, mezzo forte, mezzo piano, crescendo and diminuendo.	forte, mezzo piano, crescendo and diminuendo. - Identify how dynamics can support the structure of a song or piece of music, e.g., diminuendo leading into a new section and change of mood. - Identify the connection between dynamics and texture, e.g., adding more players and/or singers makes the music louder.



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Timbre	KS1	LKS2		UKS2	
	 Know the difference between a speaking voice and a singing voice. Identify friends from the sound of their voices. 	 Choose particular instruments for rehearsal and performing. Identify the sound of different tuned and untuned percussion instruments. 	 Explain tone colour: the instruments or voices heard that can be recognised by their unique qualities. Recognise the following groups of instruments: a marching band and a symphony orchestra and its separate families: woodwind, brass, percussion and strings. Identify the following instruments by ear and through a range of media: banjo, acoustic guitar, tuned and untuned percussion, steel pans, clarinet, trombone, trumpet, piano, keyboard, bass drums, tuba, piccolo, bass guitar, synthesiser and electric guitar. Recognise the difference between the sound of high and low voices. Understand the importance of the vocal warm-up and its impact on the tone of the voice. 	 Recognise the following ensembles: Gospel choir and soloist Rock band Symphony orchestra A Cappella group Identify the following instruments by ear and through a range of media: drum kit, electric guitar, electric bass guitar, acoustic guitar, keyboard or Hammond organ, synthesiser, saxophone, trumpet, harmonica, banjo, accordion, tuned and untuned percussion, steel pans and instruments of the orchestra such as clarinet, tuba, violin, trombone and flute. Recognise the difference between the sound of high and low voices. Recognise tone colour and rapping. 	 Recognise the following ensembles: Pop group A Cappella group Gospel choir Identify instruments that add particular colour to a song or piece of music. Identify the following instruments by ear and through a range of media: Band instruments such as keyboard, electric or Hammond organ, saxophone, trumpet, electric guitar, electric bass guitar, drum kit, vocals, drum machine and synthesiser. Instruments of the orchestra from the strings, woodwind, brass and tuned and untuned percussion families, particularly violin, cello, double bass, flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba, drums (timpani), glockenspiel, xylophone and piano. Other instruments such as steel pans, harmonica, banjo and accordion.



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Texture	KS1	LKS2		UKS2	•
	 Understand that singing and playing together creates a musical texture. Add body percussion accompaniments. 	 Understand that singing and playing together creates a musical texture. Add body percussion accompaniments. Listen to the accompaniment to a song. Identify large numbers of people playing and singing. Listen out for solo players 	 Identify and explain texture: the number of voices or instruments playing and the richness of the sound they create. Identify high and low solo voices and backing vocals, and talk about the different textures they create in the music. Understand and demonstrate the effect that repeated rhythmic or melodic patterns (as riffs /ostinati) have on the texture of a piece of music. Explain the term 'unison' and the difference between unison and solo 	 Identify solos and instrumental breaks in songs and music. Talk about solo voices, backing vocals and different vocal textures. Identify changes in texture. Talk about the different textures created by intervals and chords. 	 Sing and play instruments in different-sized groups. Identify solos and instrumental breaks in songs and music. Talk about solo voices, backing vocals and different vocal textures. Refer to repeated rhythmic or melodic patterns as riffs /ostinati. Talk about the different textures created by intervals and chords. Understand how texture builds throughout a piece as voices are layered.



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Structure	KS1	LKS2	•	UKS2	•
(form)	 Join in with a repeated section of a song: the chorus, the response. Join in with the main tune when it is repeated. 	- Show the different sections of a song structure or piece of music through actions.	 Identify and explain the following structural terms: verse, chorus, bridge, repeat signs, chorus and final chorus, improvisation, call and response, and AB form within musical structures. Identify the instrumental break and its purpose in a song. Recognise phrases and repeated sections. Discuss the purpose of a bridge section. 	 Identify and explain the structural terms: verse, chorus, bridge, repeat signs, chorus and final chorus, improvisation, call and response, and AB form within musical structures. Identify the instrumental break and its purpose in a song. Recognise phrases and repeated sections. Discuss the purpose of a bridge section. 	 Talk about how musical styles often have the same musical structure, eg Folk music: verse and chorus; Rock and Pop music: verse, chorus, bridge and instrumental break. Talk about the purpose of musical structures. Identify where changes in texture and tonality help emphasise the contrasting sections in a song. Recognise that changing the tonality at different points within the song creates different sections to the structure.