



MUSIC

Key Concepts	Milestone 1 (Year 1 & 2)	Milestone 2 (Year 3 & 4)	Milestone 3 (Year 5 & 6)
Perform This concept involves understanding	Take part in singing, accurately following the melody.	Sing from memory with accurate pitch.	Sing or play from memory with confidence.
that music is created to be performed.	Follow instructions on how and when to sing or play an instrument.	Sing in tune.Maintain a simple part within a group.	Perform solos or as part of an ensemble.
	Make and control long and short sounds, using voice and instruments.	Pronounce words within a song clearly.	• Sing or play expressively and in tune.
	Imitate changes in pitch.	Show control of voice.	Hold a part within a round.
		• Play notes on an instrument with care so that they are clear.	Sing a harmony part confidently and accurately.
		Perform with control and awareness of others.	Sustain a drone or a melodic ostinato to accompany singing.
			Perform with controlled breathing (voice) and skillful playing (instrument).
Compose This concept involves appreciating	Create a sequence of long and short sounds.	Compose and perform melodic songs.	Create songs with verses and a chorus.
that music is created through a process which has a number of	Clap rhythms.	Use sound to create abstract effects.	Create rhythmic patterns with an awareness of timbre and duration.
techniques.		Create repeated patterns with a range of instruments.	Combine a variety of musical devices, including melody, rhythm and chords.





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	Create a mixture of different sounds (long and short, loud and quiet, high and	Create accompaniments for tunes.	Thoughtfully select elements for a piece in order to gain a defined effect.
	low).	Use drones as accompaniments.	Use drones and melodic ostinati (based)
	Choose sounds to create an effect.	Choose, order, combine and control sounds to create an effect.	on the pentatonic scale).
	• Sequence sounds to create an overall effect.	Use digital technologies to compose	Convey the relationship between the lyrics and the melody.
		pieces of music.	
	Create short, musical patterns.		 Use digital technologies to compose, edit and refine pieces of music.
	 Create short, rhythmic phrases. 		
Transcribe This concept involves understanding that compositions need to be	• Use symbols to represent a composition and use them to help with a performance.	Devise non-standard symbols to indicate when to play and rest.	Use the standard musical notation of crotchet, minim and semibreve to indicate how many beats to play.
understood by others and that		Recognise the notes EGBDF and FACE	
there are techniques and a language for communicating them.		on the musical stave.	• Read and create notes on the musical stave.
		Recognise the symbols for a minim, crotchet and semibreve and say how many beats they represent.	Understand the purpose of the treble and bass clefs and use them in transcribing compositions.
			• Understand and use the # (sharp) and b (flat) symbols.
			Use and understand simple time signatures.
Describe music	Identify the beat of a tune.	• Use the terms: duration, timbre, pitch,	Choose from a wide range of musical
This concept involves appreciating		beat, tempo, texture and use of silence to	vocabulary to accurately describe and
the features and effectiveness of musical elements.	• Recognise changes in timbre, dynamics and pitch.	describe music.	appraise music including: • pitch
			dynamics





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	vocabulary to identify areas of likes and	• timbre
	dislikes.	• texture
		 lyrics and melody
	Understand layers of sounds and	 sense of occasion
	discuss their effect on mood and feelings.	• expressive
		• solo
		• rounds
		harmonies
		 accompaniments
		• drones
		 cyclic patterns
		 combination of musical elements
		cultural context.
		Describe how lyrics often reflect the
		cultural context of music and have social
		meaning.