

Music Knowledge Progression



Listen and Appraise

Year 1

To know 5 songs off by heart.

To know what the songs are about.

To know and recognise the sound and names of some of the instruments they use.

Year 2

To know five songs off by heart.

To know some songs have a chorus or a response/answer part.

To know that songs have a musical style.

Year 3

To know five songs from memory and who sang them or wrote them.

To know the style of the five songs.

To choose one song and be able to talk about:

- Its lyrics: what the song is about
- Any musical dimensions featured in the song, and where they are used (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm and pitch)
- Identify the main sections of the song (introduction, verse, chorus etc.)
- Name some of the instruments they heard in the song

Year 4

To know five songs from memory and who sang them or wrote them.

To know the style of the five songs.

To choose one song and be able to talk about:

- Some of the style indicators of that song (musical characteristics that give the song its style).
- The lyrics: what the song is about.
- Any musical dimensions featured in the song and where they are used (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm and pitch).

Year 5

To know five songs from memory, who sang or wrote them, when they were written and, if possible, why?

To know the style of the five songs and to name other songs from the Units in those styles.

To choose two or three other songs and be able to talk about:

- Some of the style indicators of the songs (musical characteristics that give the songs their style)
- The lyrics: what the songs are about
- Any musical dimensions featured in the songs and where they are used

Year 6

To know five songs from memory, who sang or wrote them, when they were written and why?

To know the style of the songs and to name other songs from the Units in those styles.

To choose three or four other songs and be able to talk about:

- The style indicators of the songs (musical characteristics that give the songs their style)
- The lyrics: what the songs are about
- Any musical dimensions featured in the songs and



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- Name some of the instruments they heard in the song.
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- The historical context of the songs. What else was going on at this time?
- where they are used (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm, pitch and timbre)
- Identify the structure of the songs (intro, verse, chorus etc.)
- Name some of the instruments used in the songs
- The historical context of the songs. What else was going on at this time, musically and historically?
- Know and talk about that fact that we each have a musical identity



Singing

Year 1

To confidently sing or rap five songs from memory and sing them in unison.

Year 2

To confidently know and sing five songs from memory.

To know that unison is everyone singing at the same time.

Songs include other ways of using the voice e.g. rapping (spoken word).

To know why we need to warm up our voices.

Year 3

To know and be able to talk about:

- Singing in a group can be called a choir
- Leader or conductor: A person who the choir or group follow
- Songs can make you feel different things e.g. happy, energetic or sad
- Singing as part of an ensemble or large group is fun, but that you must listen to each other
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- Texture: How a solo singer makes a thinner texture than a large group
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Year 5

To know and confidently sing five songs and their parts from memory, and to sing them with a strong internal pulse.

To choose a song and be able to talk about:

- Its main features
- Singing in unison, the solo, lead vocal, backing vocals or rapping
- To know what the song is about and the meaning of the lyrics
- To know and explain the importance of warming up your voice

Year 6

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To know about the style of the songs so you can represent the feeling

and context to your audience

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Playing

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Improvisation

Year 1

Improvisation is about making up your own tunes on the spot.

When someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to them.

Everyone can improvise!

Year 2

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Everyone can improvise, and you can use one or two notes.

Year 3

To know and be able to talk about improvisation:

- Improvisation is making up your own tunes on the spot
- When someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to them
- To know that using one or two notes confidently is better than using five
- To know that if you improvise using the notes you are given, you cannot make a mistake

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Composition

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Performance

Year 1

A performance is sharing music with other people, called an audience.

Year 2

A performance is sharing music with an audience.

A performance can be a special occasion and involve a class, a year group or a whole school.

An audience can include your parents and friends.

Year 3

To know and be able to talk about:

- Performing is sharing music with other people, an audience
- A performance doesn't have to be a drama! It can be to one person or to each other
- You need to know and have planned everything that will be performed
- You must sing or rap the words clearly and play with confidence
- A performance can be a special occasion and involve an audience including of people you don't know
- It is planned and different for each occasion
- It involves communicating feelings, thoughts and ideas about the song/music

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