

Music in UKS2

Essential Characteristics

- A rapidly widening repertoire which they use to create original, imaginative, fluent and distinctive composing and performance work.
- A musical understanding underpinned by high levels of aural perception, internalisation and knowledge of music, including high or rapidly developing levels of technical expertise.
- Very good awareness and appreciation of different musical traditions and genres.
- An excellent understanding of how musical provenance - the historical, social and cultural origins of music - contributes to the diversity of musical styles.
- The ability to give precise written and verbal explanations, using musical terminology effectively, accurately and appropriately.

Breadth of Study

- Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using voice and playing instruments with increasing accuracy, control and expression.
- Improvise and compose music using the inter-related dimensions of music separately and in combination.
- Listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory.
- Use and understand the basics of the stave and other musical notations.
- Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music from different traditions and from great musicians and composers.
- Develop an understanding of the history of music.

Threshold Concepts

Perform

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Compose

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Transcribe

This concept involves understanding that compositions need to be understood by others and that there are techniques and a language for communicating them.

Describe music

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Milestone 3 ~ End of Year 6

Perform This concept involves understanding that music is created to be performed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sing or play from memory with confidence. • Perform solos or as part of an ensemble. • Sing or play expressively and in tune. • Hold a part within a round. • Sing a harmony part confidently and accurately. • Sustain a drone or a melodic ostinato to accompany singing. • Perform with controlled breathing (voice) and skillful playing (instrument).
Compose This concept involves appreciating that music is created through a process which has a number of techniques.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create songs with verses and a chorus. • Create rhythmic patterns with an awareness of timbre and duration. • Combine a variety of musical devices, including melody, rhythm and chords. • Thoughtfully select elements for a piece in order to gain a defined effect. • Use drones and melodic ostinati (based on the pentatonic scale). • Convey the relationship between the lyrics and the melody. • Use digital technologies to compose, edit and refine pieces of music.
Transcribe This concept involves understanding that compositions need to be understood by others and that there are techniques and a language for communicating them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the standard musical notation of crotchet, minim and semibreve to indicate how many beats to play. • Read and create notes on the musical stave. • 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 This concept involves appreciating the features and effectiveness of musical elements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose from a wide range of musical vocabulary to accurately describe and appraise music including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pitch • dynamics • tempo • timbre • texture • lyrics and melody • sense of occasion • 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.