## Woodside Junior School Music skills progression



Skills progression						
More able skills						
		Covered in Autumr				
Covered in Spring ✓						
	Covered in Summer √					
	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
Singing	Sing a range of unison songs with	Continue to sing a broad range of	Sing a broad range of songs from an	Sing a broad range of songs including		
	varying styles and structure	unison songs	extended repertoire with a sense of	those that involve syncopated rhythms		
			ensemble and performance	with a sense of ensemble and		
	Perform Forte (loud) and Piano (soft)	Pitch the voice accurately		performance		
			Observe phrasing, accurate pitching			
	Perform actions confidently and in time	Follow directions for getting louder	and appropriate style	Observe rhythm, phrasing, accurate		
	to a range of action songs	(crescendo) and quieter (diminuendo)		pitching and appropriate style		
			Sing three part rounds and partner			
	Walk, move or clap a steady beat	Sing rounds and partner songs	songs	Continue to sing three and four part		
	changing the speed of the beat as the			rounds and partner songs		
	tempo of the music changes (whilst	Sing in different time signature eg. 2,3	Continue to sing in different time			
	singing)	and 4	signatures	Experiment with positioning singers		
				randomly within a group (no longer in		
	Perform songs in concert	Begin to sing repertoire with small and	Continue to sing repertoire with a	discrete parts / in order to develop		
		large leaps (intervals)	range of intervals	greater listening skills and vocal		
				independence)		
		Introduce vocal harmony (simple	Perform songs in concert			
		second part)		Perform songs in concert		
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Listening	Pupils' shared knowledge and					
	understanding of the stories, origins,					
	traditions, history and social context of					
	the music they are listening to, singing					
	and playing is developed.					
	They listen to recorded performances					
	and experience live music both in					
	school and out through trips to local					

	secondary school performances.	secondary school performances.	secondary school performances.	secondary school performances.
Composing (Improvising)	Become more skilled in improvising using voices and untuned percussion.  Make simple improvisations on the recorder, inventing 'on the spot' responses using a limited note range (eg B-A-G)  Structure musical ideas eg question and answer or compositions with a beginning, middle and end.  Compose in response to different stimuli (pictures, photographs, music, chants, poems, stories)  Compose and manipulate sounds using digital technologies (Audacity).	Become more skilled in improvising using voices and tuned and untuned percussion.  Improvise using the chords learnt on the ukulele.  Make use of musical features in compositions including smooth (legato) and detached (staccato).  Begin to make compositional decisions about the overall structure of improvisations.	Improvise freely developing sense of shape and character, using tuned percussion and glockenspiels.  Improvise over a simple groove, responding to the beat, creating a satisfying melodic shape  Experiment with using a wider range of dynamics, including very loud (fortissimo), very quiet (pianissimo), moderately loud (mezzo forte), and moderately quiet (mezzo piano).	Create music with multiple sections that include repetition and contrast.  Use chord changes as part of an improvised sequence.  Extend improvised melodies beyond 8 beats over a fixed groove, creating a satisfying melodic shape.  Continue to experiment with using a wider range of dynamics, including very loud (fortissimo), very quiet (pianissimo), moderately loud (mezzo forte), and moderately quiet (mezzo piano).
Composing (composition)	Combine known rhythmic notation with letter names to create rising and falling phrases using just three notes (do, re and mi- or B-A-G on the recorder)  Compose song accompaniments on untuned percussion using known rhythms and note values.	Combine known rhythmic notation with letter names to create short pentatonic phrases (using 5 notes in a row (eg C, D, E, F, G) using chime bars and hand bells. Play these phrases as self- standing compositions.  Arrange individual notation cards of known note values (i.e. minim, crotchet, crotchet rest and paired quavers) to create sequences of 2-, 3- or 4-beat phrases, arranged into bars eg	Compose melodies made from pairs of phrases in C major or A minor on glockenspiels (C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C) These melodies can be enhanced with rhythmic accompaniment.  Working in pairs, compose a short ternary piece (A,B,A)  Use chords (on glockenspiels) to compose music to evoke a specific atmosphere, mood or environment. Pupils might create music to accompany a silent film or to set a scene in a play or book.  Capture and record creative ideas using graphic symbols, rhythm notation and	Plan and compose an 8- or 16-beat melodic phrase using the pentatonic scale (e.g. C, D, E, G, A) on keyboards or tuned percussion and incorporate rhythmic variety and interest. Notate this melody.  Compose melodies made from pairs of phrases in G major on keyboards (G, A, B, C, D, E, F# G) These could be enhanced with rhythmic or chordal accompaniment.  Compose a ternary piece (A, B, A)

		musical components by composing music to create a specific mood, for example creating music to accompany a short film clip (Dr Who)  Introduce major and minor chords (ukulele)  Include Ukulele, chime bars, hand bells etc to expand the scope and range of the sound palette available for composition work.  Capture and record creative ideas using graphic symbols, rhythm notation and	time signatures, staff notation or technology.	
		time signatures, or technology.		
Performing- instrumental performing	Begin to play the recorder. Play and perform melodies following staff notation using the range B, A, G, F, E) as a whole class on in small groups.  Individually (solo) copy stepwise melodic phrases with accuracy (eg teacher plays a short 2 note phrase and pupil copies)  Do this at different speeds (allegro and adagio- fast and slow)  Extend to question-and-answer phrases if appropriate.	Begin to play the ukulele.  Play and perform melodies following staff notation using the range B, A, G, F, E as a whole class on in small groups (chime bars and hand bells for example)  Perform in two or more parts (e.g. melody and accompaniment or a duet) from simple notation using instruments played in whole class teaching.  Perform simple, chordal accompaniments to familiar songs on the ukulele.  Identify static and moving parts (eg one part plays a single note repeatedly and another part plays a melody)  Individually (solo) copy stepwise melodic phrases with accuracy (eg teacher plays a short 3 note phrase and pupil copies)	Begin to play the glockenspiel.  Play and perform melodies following staff notation using the range C- C as a whole class or in small groups on glockenspiels.  Understand how triads are formed, and play them on tuned glockenspiels. (eg C, E, G / G, B, D )  Perform simple, chordal accompaniments to familiar songs on glockenspiels (whole class)  Identify static and moving parts (eg one part plays a single note repeatedly and another part plays a melody)  Perform a range of repertoire pieces and arrangements combining instruments to form mixed ensembles.  Develop the skill of playing by ear on tuned instruments, copying longer	Begin to play the keyboard.  Play and perform melodies following staff notation using the range C- C as a whole class or in small groups on keyboards  Make decisions about dynamic range, including very loud, very quiet moderately loud and moderately quiet (Forte and piano, mf and mp)  Accompany this same melody, and others, using block chords or a bass line.  Continue to develop the skill of playing by ear on tuned instruments, copying longer phrases and familiar melodies.  Engage with others through ensemble playing with pupils taking on melody or accompaniment roles.

Performing- reading notation	Understand the stave, lines and spaces, and clef. Use dot notation to show higher or lower pitch.  Understand the differences between crotchets and paired quavers.  Apply word chants to rhythms, understanding how to link each syllable to one musical note.	Do this at different speeds (allegro and adagio- fast and slow)  Extend to question-and-answer phrases if appropriate.  Understand the differences between minims, crotchets, paired quavers and rests.  Read and perform pitch notation within a defined range (B, A, G, F, E)  Follow and perform simple rhythmic scores to a steady beat: maintain individual parts accurately within the rhythmic texture, achieving a sense of	Further understand the differences between semibreves, minims, crotchets, crotchet rests and paired quavers.  Understand the differences between 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4 time signatures.  Read and perform pitch notation within an octave (C- C).	Further understand the differences between semibreves, minims, crotchets, quavers and semiquavers, and their equivalent rests.  Further develop the skills to read and perform pitch notation within an octave (C- C).  Read and play confidently from rhythm notation cards and rhythmic scores in
		ensemble.	Read and play short rhythmic phrases at sight from prepared cards, using conventional symbols for known rhythms and note durations.	up to four parts that contain known rhythms and note durations.  Read and play from notation a four-bar phrase, confidently identifying note and rest durations.
Vocabulary	Chant, beat, rhythm, compose, accompaniment, notes, stave, graphic score, digital technology, sound effects, electronic music, mix, layering, time signature, orchestra, instrument, wind, brass, flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, trombone, French horn, saxophone, recorder, composer, musician, time period, forte, piano, improvise, phrase, allegro, adagio, pitch, stave, line, space, clef, crotchet, quaver, syllable	Genre, round, partner song, composition, ukulele, chromatic scale, sharp, flat, major, minor, chord, soprano, concert, tenor, baritone, frets, tuning, pegs, neck, sound hole, strings, bridge, body, pitch, strumming, body percussion, symphony, instruments, orchestra, pitch, crescendo, diminuendo, leaps, intervals, time signature, harmony, compose, improvise, legato, staccato, structure, bar, crotchet, crotchet rest, time signature, graphic symbols, accompaniment, duet, allegro, adagio	Phrase, pitch, round, time signature, intervals, improvise, groove, beat, melody, forte, piano, fortissimo, pianissimo, mezzo piano, mezzo forte, dynamics, ternary, mood, atmosphere, triad, staff notation, bars, beats, chord, static part, moving part, triad, ensemble, crotchet, quavers, minim, semibreve, time signature	Syncopated rhythm, ensemble, phrasing, style, pitch, rounds, partner songs, repetition, contrast, chords, sequence, groove, shape, melody, forte, piano, fortissimo, pianissimo, mezzo piano, mezzo forte, dynamics, pentatonic scale, G major, sharps, flats, ternary, semibreve, minim, crotchet, quaver, semiquaver, octave, rests,