



Music Core Curriculum
Year 4

Unit	Listen and appraise	Games	Singing	Playing	Improvisation	Composition	Performance
Substantive Knowledge	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Some of the style indicators of that song (musical characteristics that give the song its style). ● 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 	<p>Know and be able to talk about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How pulse, rhythm and pitch work together ● Pulse: Finding the pulse – the heartbeat of the music ● Rhythm: the long and short patterns over the pulse ● Know the difference between pulse and rhythm ● Pitch: High and low sounds that create melodies ● How to keep the internal pulse ● Musical Leadership: creating musical ideas for the group to copy or respond to 	<p>To know and be able to talk about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 ● Texture: How a solo singer makes a thinner texture than a large group ● To know why you must warm up your voice 	<p>To know and be able to talk about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The instruments used in class (a glockenspiel, recorder or xylophone). ● Other instruments they might play or be played in a band or orchestra or by their friends. 	<p>To know and be able to talk about improvisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 ● To know that you can use some of the riffs you have heard in the Challenges in your improvisations 	<p>To know and be able to talk about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A composition: music that is created by you and kept in some way. It's like writing a story. It can be played or performed again to your friends. ● Different ways of recording compositions (letter names, symbols, audio etc.) 	<p>To know and be able to talk about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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

	they heard in the song.						<ul style="list-style-type: none">● It involves communicating feelings, thoughts and ideas about the song/music
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<p>Disciplinary knowledge</p>	<p>To confidently identify and move to the pulse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To talk about the musical dimensions working together in the Unit songs eg if the song gets louder in the chorus (dynamics). ● Talk about the music and how it makes them feel. ● Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music. ● When you talk try to use musical words. 	<p>Using the Warm up Games tracks provided, complete the Bronze, Silver and Gold Challenges. Children will complete the following in relation to the main song, using two notes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Find the Pulse 2. Rhythm Copy Back: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bronze: Clap and say back rhythms b. Silver: Create your own simple rhythm patterns c. Gold: Perhaps lead the class using their simple rhythms 3. Pitch Copy Back Using 2 Notes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bronze: Copy back – 'Listen and sing back' (no notation) b. Silver: Copy back with instruments, without then with notation c. Gold: Copy back with instruments, without and then with notation 4. Pitch Copy Back and Vocal Warm-ups 	<p>To sing in unison and in simple two-parts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To demonstrate a good singing posture. ● To follow a leader when singing. ● To enjoy exploring singing solo. ● To sing with awareness of being 'in tune'. ● To rejoin the song if lost. ● To listen to the group when singing. 	<p>To treat instruments carefully and with respect.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Play any one, or all four, differentiated parts on a tuned instrument – a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of the song from memory or using notation. ● To rehearse and perform their part within the context of the Unit song. ● To listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader. ● To experience leading the playing by making sure everyone plays in the 	<p>Improvise using instruments in the context of a song they are learning to perform. Use the improvisation tracks provided and improvise using the Bronze, Silver or Gold Challenges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bronze Challenge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Copy Back – Listen and sing back melodic patterns ○ Play and Improvise – Using instruments, listen and play your own answer using one note. ○ Improvise! – Take it in turns to improvise using one note. ● Silver Challenge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sing, Play and Copy Back – Listen and copy back using instruments, using two different notes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Help create at least one simple melody using one, three or all five different notes. ● Plan and create a section of music that can be performed within the context of the unit song. ● Talk about how it was created. ● Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions about pulse, rhythm, pitch, dynamics and tempo. ● Record the composition in any way appropriate that 	<p>To choose what to perform and create a programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Present a musical performance designed to capture the audience. ● To communicate the meaning of the words and clearly articulate them. ● To talk about the best place to be when performing and how to stand or sit. ● To record the performance and say how they were feeling, what they were pleased with what they would change and
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				<p>playing section of the song.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Play and Improvise – Using your instruments, listen and play your own answer using one or two notes.○ Improvise! – Take it in turns to improvise using one or two notes.● Gold Challenge:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sing, Play and Copy Back – Listen and copy back using instruments, two different notes.○ Play and Improvise – Using your instruments, listen and play your own answer using two different notes.○ Improvise! – Take it in turns to improvise using three different notes.	<p>recognises the sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation).</p>	<p>why.</p>
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Key Vocab	Keyboard, electric guitar, bass, drums, improvise, compose, melody, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture, structure, compose, improvise, hook, riff, melody, solo, pentatonic scale, unison, rhythm patterns, musical style, rapping, lyrics, choreography, digital/electronic sounds, turntables, synthesizers, by ear, notation, backing vocal, piano, organ, acoustic guitar, percussion, birdsong, civil rights, racism, equality.
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