Music in EYFS (Expressive Arts and Design)

The development of children's artistic and cultural awareness supports their imagination and creativity. It is important that children have regular opportunities to engage with the arts, enabling them to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials. The quality and variety of what children see, hear and participate in is crucial for developing their understanding, self-expression, vocabulary and ability to communicate through the arts. The frequency, repetition and depth of their experiences are fundamental to their progress in interpreting and appreciating what they hear, respond to and observe.

Nursery & Reception	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery 3-4 Year Olds	Super Duper Me	Twinkle, Twinkle, Alex Park	Artic Adventure	Down in the Jungle	In the Garden	Splish, Splash, Splosh
	Communication and Language Speaking Learn new rhyme and begin to devisongs. Join in with actions / properiors Fill in some missing word Physical Development Gross Motor Skills Begin to use large-muscle movement Wave flags and streament circle — Wiggle Me into Struck — Struck	ents to rs (top to bottom / squiggle) ounds on sounds body dy beat beat / hymes and songs ontrol cal instruments	sound. Physical Development Gross Motor Skills Use large muscle movements. Wiggle. Begin to remember some seque movement related to music and	up, using mostly the y attention to how songs Squiggle Whilst You lences and patterns of drhythm lance / action routines to e have heard, expressing eeling, happy, sad etc ntire songs. e sung by another person e (moving melody, such as familiar songs. increasing control to	Physical Development Gross Motor Skills Use large muscle moveme Remember some sequence music and rhythm. Expressive Arts and Des Being Imaginative & Expre Respond to what they have feelings. Remember and sing entire Sing the pitch of a tone su Sing the melodic shape (in down and up) of familiar se Play instruments with incre and ideas.	songs. art of a group and independently. ge in group singing. ents Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle ese and patterns of movement related to ign essive e heard, expressing their thoughts and e songs. ng by another person ('pitch match'). noving melody, such as up and down,
	Implementation: Encourage daily singing, clap and music. Learn a range of songs that relat 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes Cokey'. Sing these regularly to er learn the entire song.	e to bodies, such as s' and 'The Hokey	Implementation: Help children to develop their a range of active listening act sounds of the emergency serv Play Sound matching games. E clap and tap to the pulse of m Music. Play, share and perfor	tivities. Investigate vices e.g., sirens, alarms. Incourage daily singing, nusic. Listen to Chinese	of active listening activit Play Sound matching gam Encourage daily singing, o	

	Play, share and perform a wide vo songs from different cultures an Nursery Rhymes / traditional Chi carols. Play Sound matching games. Record children's performances of them. Sing Christmas Songs - Sing Alor parents/carers. Sing a range of Nursery Rhymes instruments. KAPOW Unit 1	nd historical periods. ristmas songs / and play it back to	and songs from different cultures and historical periods. Music and instruments inspired by noises from the jungle. Brazilian / African drums. Use an instrument to create a steady beat and encourage children to move like a jungle animal to the rhythm. Prompt children to listen with increased attention to the sounds. For example, if the beat changes speed, they change speed or if the instrument changes, the animal being imitated changes. Spring 1 - KAPOW Unit 2 Spring 2 - KAPOW Unit 3		Tchaikovsky and encourage children to make marks in response to the music. Play, share and perform a wide variety of music and songs from different cultures and historical periods. Classical music inspired by 'traditional tales' / ball room dances. Stage area performances. Summer 1 - KAPOW Unit 4 Summer 2 - KAPOW Unit 5	
Key Vocabulary	Sing, songs, rhymes, pulse, music, clap, rhythm, listen, perform, join in, 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' and 'The Hokey Cokey'	Sing, songs, rhymes, pulse, music, clap, rhythm, listen, perform, join in, record, nursery rhymes	Sing, songs, rhymes, pulse, music, clap, rhythm, listen, perform, join in, tap, sounds, match,	Sing, songs, rhymes, pulse, music, clap, rhythm, listen, perform, join in, instruments, speed	Sing, songs, rhymes, pulse, music, clap, rhythm, listen, perform, join in, 'Waltz of the Flowers' by Tchaikovsky	Sing, songs, rhymes, pulse, music, clap, rhythm, listen, perform, join in
Reception	All About Me	Light and Dark	Journeys	Explorers	Growth	Under the Sea
	Communication and Language Listening, Attention and Understanding Listen carefully to rhymes and songs and begin to pay attention to how they sound. • Learn rhymes, songs & poems. Physical Development Gross Motor Skills Begin to combine different movements with ease and fluency. • See above obstacle course. Squiggle Whist		Communication and Language Listening, Attention and Understanding Listen carefully to and learn rhymes, poems and songs. Sing rhymes and songs and poems and pay attention to how they sound. Physical Development Gross Motor Skills Combine different movements with ease and fluency.		Expressive Arts and Design Being Imaginative & Expressive Confidently invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher. Independently preform a range of familiar songs and nursery rhymes. Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music Perform confidently solo or in a group. Use a variety of musical instruments correctly and independently. Independently make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories. Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their	
	You Wiggle. Change movements / directions quickly. Combine different movements with ease and fluency.		Expressive Arts and Design Being Imaginative & Expressive		feelings and responses. Confidently sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs. Learn what a djembe drum is and what it is made from.	

Expressive Arts and Design

Being Imaginative & Expressive

Begin to listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses.

How does the music make me feel? .
 emotions vocabulary (see PSED).

Begin to watch and talk about dance and performance art

- What type of dance/music is it? ... adjectives to describe music; e.g. happy, sad, slow, fast, bouncy.
- Watch live music / dance performances linked to festivals ... perform, celebrate, audience, musician, dancer.

Sing in a group or on their own.

Engage in circle and partner songs.
 Begin to make own verse for familiar song.
 Begin to explore and engage in music making and dance.

Invent and dance / play music to show different emotions emotions vocabulary (see PSED).

Implementation:

Children will sing and join in with a variety of songs, both in a group and on their own, increasing matching the pitch and following the melody. They will explore sounds (body percussion and instruments) and how they can be changed, tapping out of simple rhythms performing solo and in groups. Children will watch and talk about dance, expressing their feelings. Children will listen to a range of music and they will be encouraged to express how it makes them feel. Children will sing a variety of songs, nursery rhymes, rhymes, number songs and rhymes. Children will explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups. Children will join in with Christmas songs and performances.

Kapow Unit 1 - Build and extend on Nursery skills.

To invent, adapt and recount narratives with peers and teacher.

Linked to CL and expanding vocabulary.
 Consolidate making use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.
 Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses.
 Show rhythm and comparison of different sounds.
 Watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing their feelings and responses.

 Watch performance from other cultures and compare differences... e.g. lion dances in Lunar New Year, African dancing

Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody.

Consolidate making own verse for a familiar song.
Sing in a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs.
Learn about different instruments and what a
glockenspiel is. Learn what different notes are on the
glockenspiel and learn a simple song using C, D and E.
Learn what a scale is, and we will learn how to play one
on a glockenspiel. Learn about different rhythms. Learn a
song with jumps in. Learn a song with a harder rhythm.
Learn about different group performances.
Learn what Class Jam is and get familiar with the

instruments. Learn how to play at different volumes and speeds. Learn how to count beats. Learn the difference between high and low notes.

Learn the importance of playing together. Learn how to copy sounds. Perform confidently as a class. Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups.

Develop storylines in their pretend play.

Consolidate re-enacting life experiences with characters they are familiar with.

Explore different body parts and how they move. Move with control and coordination, linking copying and repeating actions.

Create movements and adapt simple dance patterns.

Implementation:

Children will sing and join in with a variety of songs, both in a group and on their own, increasing matching the pitch and following the melody - - African songs, music, and dancing. Children will join in with Chinese songs, dancing, and music. Children will listen to a range of music and they will be encouraged to express how it makes them feel - Chinese dancing, African dancing. Children will sing a variety of songs, nursery rhymes, rhymes, number songs and rhymes.

Learn how to copy a rhythm. Learn how to count and play a bar of four beats. Learn how to play a beat in unison.

Learn the role of a conductor and what dynamics are. Learn how to play the djembe at different tempos. Learn to play the djembe solo.

Learn about the drum and what a beat is in music.

Learn about the triangle, and we will learn how different materials can make different sounds.

Learn about the shaker and how different speeds of music can make us feel. Learn about the scraper and how music is made around the world. Learn about the tambourine, and we will learn how to count beats in music. Learn about hand bells and we will learn what the word pitch means.

Learn how to create an exciting performance.

Explore and engage in music making and dance. Move in time to music.

Create movements and adapt simple dance patterns.

Copy and repeat actions showing confidence and imagination.

Implementation:

Children will sing and join in with a variety of songs, both in a group and on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody - learn and perform 'There's a Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf'. Children will listen to a range of music and they will be encouraged to express how it makes them feel. Children will sing a variety of songs, nursery rhymes, rhymes, number songs and rhymes. Children will learn and perform seaside songs and rhymes. Children will sing a variety of songs, nursery rhymes, rhymes, number songs and rhymes throughout the year.

			Music Jam: Spring 1 Glockenspiel Spring 2: Class Jam		Music Jam: Summer 1: African Drumming Summer 2: Music Theory with Instruments	
Key Vocabulary	Sing, beat, rhythm, high, low, loud, soft, quiet, fast, pitch, tempo, music, echo, listen, slow, rest, repeat, compose, respond, long, short, appreciate, pitch, composer, sound, instruments, percussion, shake, control, expression	Sing, beat, rhythm, high, low, loud, soft, quiet, fast, pitch, tempo, music, echo, listen, slow, rest, repeat, compose, respond, long, short, appreciate, pitch, composer, sound, instruments, percussion, shake, control, expression	Sing, beat, rhythm, high, low, loud, soft, quiet, fast, pitch, tempo, music, echo, listen, slow, rest, repeat, compose, respond, long, short, appreciate, pitch, composer, sound, instruments, percussion, shake, control, expression, glockenspiel	Sing, beat, rhythm, high, low, loud, soft, quiet, fast, pitch, tempo, music, echo, listen, slow, rest, repeat, compose, respond, long, short, appreciate, pitch, compose, sound, instruments, percussion, shake, control, expression, improvise	Sing, beat, rhythm, high, low, loud, soft, quiet, fast, pitch, tempo, music, echo, listen, slow, rest, repeat, compose, respond, long, short, appreciate, pitch, compose, sound, instruments, percussion, shake, control, expression, improvise, melody, drumming, drum	Sing, beat, rhythm, high, low, loud, soft, quiet, fast, pitch, tempo, music, echo, listen, slow, rest, repeat, compose, respond, long, short, appreciate, pitch, compose, sound, instruments, percussion, shake, control, expression, improvise, melody, shaker, scrapper, triangle, tambourine, hand bells
Early Learning Goals By the end of Reception children are expected to:	Expressive Arts and Design Being Imaginative and Expressive • Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs. • Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and (when appropriate) try to move in time with music.					
Mapping Curriculum Objectives How the early learning goals feed into objectives from the Year 1 National Curriculum.	 Vear 1 National Curriculum Objective Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes. Play tuned and unturned instruments musically. Listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music. Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music. 					

Listening

Year 1	Year 2
Recognising and understanding the difference between pulse and rhythm.	*Recognising timbre changes in music they listen to.
*Understanding that different types of sounds are called timbres.	Recognising structural features in music they *listen to.
*Recognising basic tempo, dynamic and pitch changes (faster/slower, louder/quieter and higher/lower).	Listening to and recognising instrumentation.
Describing the character, mood, or 'story' of music they listen to, both verbally and through movement.	*Beginning to use musical vocabulary to describe
Describing the differences between two pieces of music. Expressing a basic opinion about music (like/dislike).	music. Identifying melodies that move in steps.
Listening to and repeating short, simple rhythmic patterns.	Listening to and repeating a short, simple melody by ear.
Listening and responding to other performers by playing as part of a group.	Suggesting improvements to their own and others' work.

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
*Discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary (Indian, classical, Chinese, Battle Songs, Ballads, Jazz). Understanding that music from different parts of the world has different features. *Recognising and explaining the changes within a piece of music using musical vocabulary. *Describing the timbre, dynamic, and textural details of a piece of music, both verbally, and through movement. Beginning to show an awareness of metre. *Beginning to use musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) when discussing improvements to their own and others' work.	Recognising the use and development of motifs in music. *Identifying gradual dynamic and tempo changes within a piece of music. Recognising and discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary (Samba, Rock and Roll). Identifying common features between different genres, styles and traditions of music. *Recognising, naming and explaining the effect of the interrelated dimensions of music. *Identifying scaled dynamics (crescendo/decrescendo) within a piece of music. *Using musical vocabulary to discuss the purpose of a piece of music. *Using musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) when discussing improvements to their own and others' work.	*Recognising and confidently discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary. (South African, West African, Musical, Theatre, Blues, Dance Remix.). *Representing the features of a piece of music using graphic notation, and colours, justifying their choices with reference to musical vocabulary. *Comparing, discussing and evaluating music using detailed musical vocabulary. *Developing confidence in using detailed musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) to discuss and evaluate their own and others' work.	Discussing musical eras in context, identifying how they have influenced each other, and discussing the impact of different composers on the development of musical styles. Recognising and confidently discussing the stylistic features of music and relating it to other aspects of the Arts (Pop art, Film music). *Representing changes in pitch, dynamics and texture using graphic notation, justifying their choices with reference to musical vocabulary. Identifying the way that features of a song can complement one another to create a coherent overall effect. *Use musical vocabulary correctly when describing and evaluating the features of a piece of music. Evaluating how the venue, occasion and purpose affects the way a piece of music sounds. *Confidently using detailed musical vocabulary (related to the inter-related dimensions of music) to discuss and evaluate their own and others work.

Composing

Year 1	Year 2
Selecting and creating short sequences of sound with voices or instruments to represent a given idea or character.	Selecting and creating longer sequences of appropriate sounds with voices or instruments to represent a given idea or character.
Combining instrumental and vocal sounds within a given structure.	
Creating simple melodies using a few notes.	*Successfully combining and layering several instrumental and vocal patterns within a given structure.
*Choosing dynamics, tempo and timbre for a piece of music.	Creating simple melodies from five or more notes.
Creating a simple graphic score to represent a composition.	*Choosing appropriate dynamics, tempo and timbre for a piece of music.
Beginning to make improvements to their work as suggested by the teacher.	Using letter name and graphic notation to represent the details of their composition.
	Beginning to suggest improvements to their own work.

Composing

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Composing a piece of music in a given style with voices and instruments (Battle Song, Indian Classical, Jazz, Swing).	Composing a coherent piece of music in a given style with voices, bodies and instruments.	Composing a detailed piece of music from a given stimulus with voices, bodies and instruments (Remix, Colours, Stories, Drama).	Improvising coherently and creatively within a given style, incorporating given features.
Combining melodies and rhythms to compose a multi-layered composition in a given style (pentatonic).	Beginning to improvise musically within a given style.	Improvising coherently within a given style.	Composing a multi-layered piece of music from a given stimulus with voices, bodies and Instruments.
*Using letter name and rhythmic notation (graphic or staff), and key musical vocabulary to label and record their compositions.	Developing melodies using rhythmic variation, transposition, inversion, and looping.	*Combining rhythmic patterns (ostinato) into a multi-layered composition using all the inter-related dimensions of music to add musical interest.	Composing an original song, incorporating lyric writing, melody writing and the composition of accompanying features, within a given structure.
*Suggesting and implementing improvements to their own work, using musical vocabulary.	*Creating a piece of music with at least four different layers and a clear structure.	Using staff notation to record rhythms and melodies.	*Developing melodies using rhythmic variation, transposition and changes in dynamics, pitch and texture.
,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	*Using letter name, graphic and rhythmic notation and key musical vocabulary to label and record their compositions.	*Selecting, discussing and refining musical choices both alone and with others, using musical vocabulary with confidence.	Recording own composition using appropriate forms of notation and/or technology and incorporating.
	*Suggesting improvements to others' work, using musical vocabulary.	Suggesting and demonstrating improvements to own and others' work.	*Constructively critique their own and others' work, using musical vocabulary.

Performing

Year 1	Year 2
Using their voices expressively to speak and chant.	*Using their voices expressively when singing, including the use of basic dynamics (loud and quiet).
Singing short songs from memory, maintaining the overall shape of the melody and keeping in time.	Singing short songs from memory, with melodic and rhythmic accuracy.
Maintaining the pulse (play on the beat) using hands, and tuned and untuned instruments.	
Copying back short rhythmic and melodic phrases on percussion instruments.	Copying longer rhythmic patterns on untuned percussion instruments, keeping a steady pulse.
*Responding to simple musical instructions such as tempo and dynamic changes as part of a class performance.	*Performing expressively using dynamics and timbre to alter sounds as appropriate.
Performing from graphic notation.	Singing back short melodic patterns by ear and playing short melodic patterns from letter notation.

Performing

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Singing songs in a variety of musical styles with accuracy and control, demonstrating developing vocal technique.	*Singing longer songs in a variety of musical styles from memory, with accuracy, control, fluency and a developing sense of expression including control of subtle dynamic changes.	Singing songs in two or more parts, in a variety of musical styles from memory, with accuracy, fluency, control and expression.	Singing songs in two or more secure parts from memory, with accuracy, fluency, control and expression.
Singing and playing in time with peers, with some degree of accuracy and awareness of their part in the group performance.	Singing and playing in time with peers with accuracy and awareness of their part in the group performance.	*Working as a group to perform a piece of music, adjusting dynamics and pitch according to a graphic score, keeping in time with others and communicating with the group.	*Working as a group to perform a piece of music, adjusting the interrelated dimensions of music as required, keeping in time with others and communicating with the group.
*Performing from basic staff notation, incorporating rhythm and pitch and being able to identify these symbols using musical terminology.	Playing melody parts on tuned instruments with accuracy and control and developing instrumental technique.	Performing with accuracy and fluency from graphic and simple staff notation.	Performing a solo or taking a leadership role within a performance.
	Playing syncopated rhythms with accuracy, control and fluency.	Playing a simple chord progression with accuracy and fluency.	Performing with accuracy and fluency from graphic and staff notation and from their own notation.
			Performing by following a conductor's cues and directions.