

Music Curriculum Key Vocabulary

Vocabulary	EYFS	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Musical terms (common words/phrases)	pitch, tone, beat, songs, music	pulse, rhythm, pitch, improvise, compose, melody, perform, singers, groove, audience, imagination.	pulse, rhythm, pitch, improvise, compose, audience, question and answer, melody, dynamics, tempo, perform/performance, audience	structure, intro/introduction, verse, chorus, improvise, compose, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, hook, melody, texture, structure, backing vocals, hook, riff, melody, pentatonic scale, imagination,	improvise, compose, melody, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture, structure, compose, improvise, hook, riff, melody, solo, pentatonic scale, unison, rhythm patterns, musical style, lyrics, choreography, by ear, notation, backing vocal.	backbeat, amplifier, chorus, bridge, riff, hook, improvise, compose, appraising, structure, tune/head, note values, note names, pulse, rhythm, , verse, interlude, tag ending, , melody, cover, riff, backing loops, cover, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, groove, riff, bass line,	style indicators, melody, compose, improvise, cover, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure, dimensions of music, producer, groove, hook, riff, solo improvise/improvisation, by ear, riff, solo, phrases
Musical Styles	Nursery rhymes Funk	blues, baroque, Latin, Irish folk, funk, rap,	rap, reggae	reggae, disco	rapping, birdsong, digital/electronic sounds	rock, bossa nova, syncopation swing, big bands, solo, ballad, old-school hip hop, rap, funk, scratching, unison, melody, soul, harmony,	neo soul, Motown, blues, jazz, ostinato urban gospel, melody, unison, harmony,
Instrumental Terms	Percussion instruments & glockenspiel	bass guitar, drums, decks, keyboard, percussion, trumpets, saxophones,	keyboard, drums, bass, electric guitar, saxophone, trumpet, glockenspiel	bass, drums, guitar, keyboard, synthesizer, electric guitar, organ,	keyboard, electric guitar, bass, drums, turntables, synthesizers, piano, organ, acoustic guitar, percussion	strings, piano, guitar, bass, drums synthesizer, deck, brass section	
Musical Context Terms					civil rights, racism, equality		civil rights, gender equality

