

## Mill Hill Primary Academy - Skills Progression Ladder for Music



Music Progression Skills	Listening	Composing	Performing	The history of music (KS2)
EYFS  Year 1	<ul> <li>Responding to music through movement.</li> <li>Exploring lyrics by suggesting appropriate actions.</li> <li>Listening to and following a beat using body percussion and instruments.</li> <li>Recognising pitch and tempo in music</li> <li>Listening to sounds and matching them to the object or instrument.</li> <li>Listening to and repeating a simple rhythm or lyrics.</li> <li>Understanding that different instruments make different sounds.</li> <li>Recognising and understanding the difference between pulse and rhythm.</li> <li>Understanding that different types of sounds</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Playing untuned percussion 'in time' with a piece of music.</li> <li>Selecting classroom objects to use as instruments.</li> <li>Experimenting with body percussion and vocal sounds to respond to music.</li> <li>Selecting appropriate instruments to represent action and mood.</li> <li>Experimenting with playing instruments in different ways.</li> <li>Selecting and creating short sequences of sound with voices or instruments to represent a given idea or character.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Using their voices to join in with well-known songs from memory.</li> <li>Remembering and maintaining their role within a group performance.</li> <li>Moving to music with instruction to perform actions.</li> <li>Participating in performances to a small audience.</li> <li>Stopping and starting playing at the right time</li> <li>Using their voices expressively to speak and chant.</li> <li>Singing short songs from memory,</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>are called timbres.</li> <li>Recognising basic tempo, dynamic and pitch changes (faster/slower, louder/quieter and higher/lower). Describing the character, mood, or 'story' of music they listen to</li> <li>Describing the differences between two pieces of music.</li> <li>Expressing a basic opinion about music (like/dislike).</li> <li>Listening to and repeating short, simple rhythmic patterns.</li> <li>Listening and responding to other performers by playing as part of a group.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Combining instrumental and vocal sounds within a given structure.</li> <li>Creating simple melodies using a few notes.</li> <li>Choosing dynamics, tempo and timbre for a piece of music.</li> <li>Creating a simple graphic score to represent a composition.</li> <li>Beginning to make improvements to their work as suggested by the teacher.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>maintaining the overall shape of the melody and keeping in time.</li> <li>Maintaining the pulse (play on the beat) using hands, and tuned and untuned instruments.</li> <li>Copying back short rhythmic and melodic phrases on percussion instruments.</li> <li>Responding to simple musical instructions such as tempo and dynamic changes as part of a class performance.</li> <li>Performing from graphic notation.</li> </ul>	





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Year 2	<ul> <li>Recognising timbre changes in music they listen to.</li> <li>Recognising structural features in music they listen to.</li> <li>Listening to and recognising instrumentation.</li> <li>Beginning to use musical vocabulary to describe music.</li> <li>Identifying melodies that move in steps.</li> <li>Listening to and repeating a short, simple melody by ear.</li> <li>Suggesting improvements to their own and others' work.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Selecting and creating longer sequences of appropriate sounds with voices or instruments to represent a given idea or character.</li> <li>Successfully combining and layering several instrumental and vocal patterns within a given structure.</li> <li>Creating simple melodies from five or more notes.</li> <li>Choosing appropriate dynamics, tempo and timbre for a piece of music.</li> <li>Using letter name and graphic notation to represent the details of their composition.</li> <li>Beginning to suggest improvements to their own work.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Using their voices expressively when singing, including the use of basic dynamics (loud and quiet).</li> <li>Singing short songs from memory, with melodic and rhythmic accuracy.</li> <li>Copying longer rhythmic patterns on untuned percussion instruments, keeping a steady pulse.</li> <li>Performing expressively using dynamics and timbre to alter sounds as appropriate.</li> <li>Singing back short melodic patterns by ear and playing short melodic patterns from letter notation.</li> </ul>	
Year 3	<ul> <li>Discuss different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary (Indian, classical, Chinese, Battle Songs, Ballads, Jazz).</li> <li>Understanding that music from different parts of the world has different features.</li> <li>Recognising and explaining the changes within a piece of music using musical vocabulary.</li> <li>Describing the timbre, dynamic, and textural details of a piece of music, both verbally, and through movement.</li> <li>Beginning to show an awareness of metre.</li> <li>Beginning to use musical vocabulary when discussing improvements to their own and others' work.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Composing a piece of music in a given style with voices and instruments (Battle Song, Indian Classical, Jazz, Swing).</li> <li>Combining melodies and rhythms to compose a multi-layered composition in a given style (pentatonic).</li> <li>Using letter name and rhythmic notation (graphic or staff), and key musical vocabulary to label and record their compositions.</li> <li>Suggesting and implementing improvements to their own work, using musical vocabulary</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Singing songs in a variety of musical styles with accuracy and control, demonstrating developing vocal technique.</li> <li>Singing and playing in time with peers, with some degree of accuracy and awareness of their part in the group performance.</li> <li>Performing from basic staff notation, incorporating rhythm and pitch and being able to identify these symbols using musical terminology.</li> </ul>	Understanding that music from different times has different features





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Year 4	<ul> <li>Recognising the use and development of motifs in music.</li> <li>Identifying gradual dynamic and tempo changes within a piece of music.</li> <li>Recognising and discussing different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary (Samba, Rock and Roll).</li> <li>Identifying common features between different genres, styles and traditions of music.</li> <li>Recognising, naming and explaining the effect of the interrelated dimensions of music.</li> <li>Identifying scaled dynamics (crescendo/decrescendo) within a piece of music.</li> <li>Using musical vocabulary to discuss the purpose of a piece of music.</li> <li>Using musical vocabulary when discussing improvements to their own and others' work.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Composing a coherent piece of music in a given style with voices, bodies and instruments.</li> <li>Beginning to improvise musically within a given style.</li> <li>Developing melodies using rhythmic variation, transposition, inversion, and looping.</li> <li>Creating a piece of music with at least four different layers and a clear structure.</li> <li>Using letter name, graphic and rhythmic notation and key musical vocabulary to label and record their compositions.</li> <li>Suggesting improvements to others' work, using musical vocabulary.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Singing and playing in time with peers with accuracy and awareness of their part in the group performance.</li> <li>Playing melody parts on tuned instruments with accuracy and control and developing instrumental technique.</li> <li>Playing syncopated rhythms with accuracy, control and fluency.</li> </ul>	Recognising and discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music using musical vocabulary
Year 5	<ul> <li>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.).</li> <li>Representing the features of a piece of music using graphic notation, and colours, justifying their choices with reference to musical vocabulary.</li> <li>Comparing, discussing and evaluating music using detailed musical vocabulary.</li> <li>Developing confidence in using detailed musical vocabulary to discuss and evaluate their own and others' work.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Composing a detailed piece of music from a given stimulus with voices, bodies and instruments (Remix, Colours, Stories, Drama).</li> <li>Improvising coherently within a given style.</li> <li>Combining rhythmic patterns (ostinato) into a multi-layered composition using all the inter-related dimensions of music to add musical interest.</li> <li>Using staff notation to record rhythms and melodies.</li> <li>Selecting, discussing and refining musical choices both alone and with others, using musical vocabulary with confidence.</li> <li>Suggesting and demonstrating improvements to own and others' work.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Singing songs in two or more parts, in a variety of musical styles from memory, with accuracy, fluency, control and expression.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Performing with accuracy and fluency from graphic and simple staff notation.</li> <li>Playing a simple chord progression with accuracy and fluency.</li> </ul>	Confidently discussing the stylistic features of different genres, styles and traditions of music and explaining how these have developed over time





## Year 6

- 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 to discuss and evaluate their own and others work,

- Improvising coherently and creatively within a given style, incorporating given features.
- Composing a multi-layered piece of music from a given stimulus with voices, bodies and Instruments.
- Composing an original song, incorporating lyric writing, melody writing and the composition of accompanying features, within a given structure.
- Developing melodies using rhythmic variation, transposition and changes in dynamics, pitch and texture.
- Recording own composition using appropriate forms of notation and/or technology and incorporating.
- Constructively critique their own and others' work, using musical vocabulary

- Singing songs in two or more secure parts from memory, with accuracy, fluency, control and expression.
- Working as a group to perform a piece of music, adjusting the interrelated dimensions of music as required, keeping in time with others
- Performing a solo or taking a leadership role within a performance.
- Performing with accuracy and fluency from graphic and staff notation and from their own notation.
- Performing by following a conductor's cues and directions.
- 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