

Year 4 expected							
Listen & Appraise	Singing	Playing instruments	Composition	Improvisation	Performance		
Appreciate and understand	Play and perform in solo	Play and perform in solo	Compose music for a	Improvise music for a	Play and perform in		
a wide range of high-quality	and ensemble contexts,	and ensemble contexts,	range of purposes using	range of purposes	solo and ensemble		
live and recorded music	using their voices and	using their voices and	the inter-related	using the inter-related	contexts, using their		
drawn from different	playing musical	playing musical instruments	dimensions of music.	dimensions of music.	voices and playing		
traditions and from great	instruments with	with increasing accuracy,	use and understand	 To know that 	musical instruments		
composers and musicians	increasing accuracy,	fluency, control and	staff and other musical	you can use	with increasing		
Develop an understanding	fluency, control and	expression	notations	some of the	accuracy, fluency,		
of the history of music.	expression		 Identify 	riffs you have	control and expression		
Listen with attention to	 Identify texture 	 Play a simple or one- 	different ways	heard in the	To choose		
detail.	when singing: how	note part from	of recording	Challenges in	what to		
 Know five songs 	a solo singer makes	memory and begin	compositions.	your	perform and		
from memory and	a thinner texture	to use notation.	 Describe the 	improvisations.	create a		
who sang them or	than a large group	 With support from 	difference	 Complete the 	programme.		
wrote them.	 Recognise whether 	an overall adult	between pulse	Bronze and	 Present a 		
 Identify the style of 	they are singing in	leader, experience	and rhythm.	Silver	musical		
the five songs.	'in tune' or not.	leading the playing	 Understand that 	Challenges:	performance		
 Choose one song 	 Rejoin the song if 	by making sure	melodies use	- Bronze	designed to		
and be able to talk	lost.	everyone plays in	pitch (high and	Challenge:	capture the		
about:	 Listen to the group 	the playing section	low sounds) and	Copy Back –	audience.		
- Some of the	when singing.	of the song.	experiment	Listen and sing	 Communicate 		
style indicators	 Have an awareness 	 Discuss other 	with this.	back melodic	the meaning of		
of that song	of the themes of	instruments they	 Plan and create 	patterns	the words and		
(musical	the songs they are	might play or be	a section of	- Play and	clearly		
characteristics	singing.	played in a band or	music that can	Improvise –	articulate		
that give the		orchestra or by their	be performed	Using	them.		
song its style).		friends.	within the	instruments,	 Discuss best 		
- The lyrics: what		 Rehearse and 	context of the	listen and play	place to be		
the song is		perform their part	unit song.	your own	when		
about.		within the context	 Talk about how 	answer using	performing		
- Any musical		of the Unit song.	it was created	one note.	and how to		
dimensions			and begin to	- Improvise! –	stand or sit.		
featured in the			discuss why	Take it in turns			



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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 they heard in the song Talk about the music and how it makes them feel. Begin to use musical words to describe what they hear.		 Begin to learn and use more complex rhythms. play the notes C, D, E, F + G from memory. 	 Begin to listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions about pulse, rhythm, pitch, dynamics and tempo. With some support, record the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation). 	to improvise using one note. - Silver Challenge: - Sing, Play and Copy Back — Listen and copy back using instruments, using two different notes 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.	 To record the performance and evaluate it. Be aware that performances differ dependent on the occasion. Sing/rap or play with confidence.
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Develop an understanding	fluency, control and	expression	notations.	_	accuracy, fluency,
of the history of music.	expression	Experience leading	Create simple	- Sing, Play and	control and expression
		the playing	melodies or	Copy Back –	



Listen with attention to detail.

- discuss the musical dimensions working together in the Unit songs, e.g. if the song gets louder in the chorus (dynamics), and begin to give reasons as to why this may be.
- Identify changes in tempo, dynamics and texture.
- Confidently use musical words in the correct context to describe what they hear.
- Identify when particular instruments are introduced into a song (e.g. male voices in the chorus)
- Identify the character in a piece of music

- Continue to develop the use of an internal pulse when singing.
- Begin to use specific techniques when singing 'out of tune'
- Sing in 2 parts and know which part they are following/singing.

- independently by making sure everyone plays in the playing section of the song.
- Begin to give reasons as to why an instrument belongs to a particular family using some specific features.
- Learn, use and begin to read more complex rhythms.

Use and understand staff and other musical notations

- Play the medium part: G + A (+ B + C) by ear and from notation.
- Read the notes C, D, E, F + G.
- Use notation to record and interpret sequences of pitches

- rhythms for a group to respond to.
- confidently discuss the composition and give reasons as to why particular musical dimensions were used at particular times.
- Independently record the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation).
- Start to make their own musical decisions and get involved in musical leadership, creating musical ideas for the group to copy or respond to.

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.
- Take it in turns to improvise using three different notes.

 Use the notes:
- G, A, B, D + E (pentatonic scale).

- Explain how a performance is planned and different for each occasion.
- Know that a performance involves communicating feelings, thoughts and ideas about the song/music and give examples of these.



Explain why
silence is often
needed in music
and explain
what effect it
has