

Knowledge and skills in music: Upper KS2.

Content	Year 5	Year 6
To sing and play	Knowledge:	Knowledge:
musically with increasing	To know and confidently sing songs and their parts	To know and confidently sing five songs and their parts from
confidence and control.	from memory, and to sing them with a strong internal	memory, and to sing them with a strong internal pulse.
	pulse. To choose a song and be able to talk about its	To know about the style of the songs so you can represent
	main features	the feeling and context to your audience
	To talk about singing in unison, the solo, lead vocal,	To choose a song and be able to talk about its main features
	backing vocals or rapping	To talk about singing in unison, the solo, lead vocal, backing
	To know what the song is about and the meaning of the	vocals or rapping
	lyrics.	To know what the song is about and the meaning of the lyrics
	To know and explain the importance of warming up your	To know and explain the importance of warming up your
	voice.	voice.
	Skills:	Skills:
	To sing in unison and to sing backing vocals.	To sing in unison and to sing backing vocals.
	To enjoy exploring singing solo.	To demonstrate a good singing posture.
	To listen to the group when singing.	To sing songs in parts - rounds and harmonies.
	To demonstrate a good singing posture.	To sing a song in another language.
	To follow a leader when singing.	To follow a leader when singing.
	To experience rapping and solo singing.	To experience rapping and solo singing.
	To listen to each other and be aware of how you fit	To listen to each other and be aware of how you fit into the
	into the group.	group.

	To sing with an awareness of being 'in tune'.	To sing with awareness of being 'in tune'
To play musical	Knowledge:	Knowledge:
instruments with	To know and be able to talk about:	To know and be able to talk about:
increasing accuracy,	 Different ways of writing music down - e.g. staff 	• Different ways of writing music down - e.g. staff notation,
fluency, control and	notation, symbols	symbols
expression	 The notes on the treble staff. 	• The notes on the treble staff.
	• The instruments they might play or be played in a	• The instruments they might play or be played in a band or
	band or orchestra or by their friends	orchestra or by their friends.
	Skills:	Skills:
	To play a musical instrument with the correct	To play a musical instrument with the correct technique.
	technique.	To select and learn an instrumental part that matches their
	To select and learn an instrumental part that matches	musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts - a
	their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated	one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of the song
	parts - a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody	from memory or using notation.
	of the song from memory or using notation.	To rehearse and perform their part.
	To rehearse and perform their part.	To listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader.
	To listen to and follow musical instructions from a	To lead a rehearsal session.
	leader.	
To listen with attention	Knowledge:	Knowledge:
to detail and recall	To know the style of the songs and to name other songs	To know the style of the songs and to name other songs
sounds with increasing	from the Units in those styles.	from the Units in those styles.
aural memory	To be able to talk about:	
	 the style indicators of the songs (musical 	Skills:
	characteristics that give the songs their style)	To identify and move to the pulse with ease.
	 The lyrics: what the songs are about 	To think about the message of songs.
		Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts
	Skills:	about the music.
	To identify and move to the pulse with ease.	Use musical language confidently and accurately in
	To think about the message of songs.	discussion.
	To use musical language with increasing confidence and	To talk about the musical dimensions working together in the
	accuracy in discussion.	music.

	To talk about the musical dimensions working together in music. To talk about the music and how it makes you feel, listening carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music. To accurately sing the melody of these songs. To accurately copy back given rhythms.	Talk about the music and how it makes you feel, using correct musical language. To accurately sing the melody of these songs. To accurately copy back given rhythms.
To improvise and	Knowledge:	Knowledge:
compose music for a	To know and be able to talk about improvisation:	To know and be able to talk about improvisation:
range of purposes using	• Improvisation is making up your own tunes on the spot	• Improvisation is making up your own tunes on the spot •
the inter-related	 When someone improvises, they make up their own 	When someone improvises, they make up their own tune that
dimensions of music.	tune that has never been heard before. It is not	has never been heard before. It is not written down and
	written down and belongs to them.	belongs to them.
	• To know that using one or two notes confidently is	• To know that using one or two notes confidently is better
	better than using five	than using five
	• To know that if you improvise using the notes you are	• To know that if you improvise using the notes you are
	given, you cannot make a mistake	given, you cannot make a mistake
	• To know that you can use some of the riffs you have	• To know that you can use some of the riffs you have heard
	heard in the Challenges in your improvisations.	in the Challenges in your improvisations.
	To know that a composition is music that is created by	To know that a composition is music that is created by you
	you and kept in some way. It's like writing a story. It can be played or performed again to your friends.	and kept in some way. It's like writing a story. It can be played or performed again to your friends.
	To know that composition has pulse, rhythm and pitch	To know that composition has pulse, rhythm and pitch that
	that work together and are shaped by tempo, dynamics,	work together and are shaped by tempo, dynamics, texture
	texture and structure	and structure.
		To name a famous improvising musician.
	Skills:	
	To improvise using instruments in the context of a song	Skills:
	to be performed. Use the improvisation tracks provided	To improvise with a feeling for the style of Bossa Nova and
	and improvise using the Bronze, Silver or Gold	Swing using the notes D, E, G, $A + B$.
	Challenges.	

	To improvise with a feeling for the style of Bossa Nova	To compose simple melodies using up to five different notes
	and Swing using the notes D, E, G, A + B	and simple rhythms that work musically.
	To create simple melodies using up to five different	To explain the keynote or home note and the structure of
	notes and simple rhythms that work together musically.	the melody.
	To listen to and reflect upon the developing	To listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and
	composition and make musical decisions.	make musical decisions about how the melody connects with
	To record the composition in any way appropriate that	the song.
	recognises the connection between sound and symbol	To record the composition in any way appropriate that
	(e.g. graphic/pictorial notation)	recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g.
	To use notation to recognise the connection between	graphic/pictorial notation)
	sound and symbol.	To use notation to recognise the connection between sound
		and symbol.
To use and understand	Knowledge:	Knowledge:
staff and other musical	To be aware of how to read chord diagrams.	To know and be able to talk about staff notation.
notations	To begin to read TAB notation.	To know how the notes C , D, E, F, G , A, B + C on the treble
		stave.
	Skills:	To know that silence in music is represented by rests.
	To play the chords C, F, G7, Am and D7 on the ukulele.	To be aware of how to read chord diagrams.
	To strum downwards on the beat.	To begin to read TAB notation.
	To interpret chord diagrams.	
	To sing and play along to a song.	Skills:
		To play the notes B, A, G, D and E on the recorder by
		reading the musical notation.
		To play notes C, D, E, F, G, on the chime bars by reading the
		musical notation.
		To recognise crotchets, minims, guavers, semibreves and
		crotchet rests.
		To play the chords C, F, G7, Am, G and D7 on the ukulele.
		To play the chords c, r, b7, Am, 6 and b7 on the ukulele. To strum downwards on the beat.
		To interpret chord diagrams.
		To sing and play along to a song.

To appreciate and	Knowledge:	Knowledge:
understand a wide range	To talk about any musical dimensions featured in the	To know and be able to talk about pulse, rhythm, pitch,
of high-quality live and	music and where they are used (texture, dynamics,	tempo, dynamics, texture and structure work together to
recorded music drawn	tempo, rhythm, pitch and timbre).	create a song or music.
from different traditions	To name some of the instruments they heard.	To know how to keep the internal pulse.
and from great	,	To identify the main sections of the songs (intro, verse,
composers and musicians.		chorus, bridge).
	Skills:	To name some of the instruments used in the music.
	To compare two songs in the same style, talking about	
	what stands out musically in each of them, their	Skills:
	similarities and differences.	To compare two songs in the same style, talking about what
		stands out musically in each of them, their similarities and
		differences.
		To choose three or four pieces of music and be able to talk
		about the style indicators of the music (musical
		characteristics that give the music their style).
To develop an	Knowledge:	Knowledge:
understanding of the	To be able to talk about the historical context of the	\circ To be able to talk about the historical context of the
history of music.	music. What else was going on at the time?	music What else was going on during this time, musically and
	To know when some of the songs and music they have	historically?
	listened to were written.	,
		Skills:
	Skills:	To be able to listen to a song or piece of music and pick out
	To be able to listen to a song or piece of music and pick	elements and characteristics which give it its style.
	out elements and characteristics which give it its style.	To be able to place a piece of music onto a musical timeline
	To be able to place a piece of music onto a musical	and compare to a historical timeline, matching its
	timeline and compare to a historical timeline, matching	composition to historical events.
	its composition to historical events.	