Music Curriculum Vocabulary Progression

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Singing	Action songs, guitar, nursery rhymes, Musical Statues, listening, copy, voice, whisper, different voices, high, low, pitch, quiet, loud, fast, quick, slow, instruments, start, stop, rhythm,	Lower note, higher note, songs, melody, together, solo, partner, loud(er), quiet(er), rhythmic pattern, repeated pattern,	Singing together, unison, speaking voice, singing voice, shape of the melody, pitch, high/low, changes in steps/leaps	Round, two-part songs, harmony, in tune, tunefully, dynamics, pitch, tone	Two-part songs, round, shape of the melody, rhythm, rhythmically,	Partner songs (e.g. two different songs which can be sung at the same time and fit harmonically), voice projection, harmony, in tune	Complex songs, rounds, partner songs, two-part songs, three-part songs, clear diction, descant part, projection
Performing	Perform, audience, stage, call and response, percussion instruments, instrument names accompany, cultures,	Improve, feedback, comment, improvements, Perform, body percussion	Appraise, feedback, polish, performance, breathing, accurate, follow, together, tempo, increase, decrease, steady, pulse, beat	Appraise, refine, rehearse, expression,	Appraise, clear feedback, improve, polish, listen, awareness of others, chromatic	Small group performance, solo, performance, parts, refine, record, awareness of others, accuracy, backing track, perform by ear, dynamics, loud (forte) quiet/soft (piano) gradual increase/decrease	Record, appraise, perform with audience in mind, polish, rehearse improve, accompaniment
Composition	Create, make up, choice making	Compose, body percussion, percussion instruments, graphic score, symbol, represent, counting, steady beat, long/short sounds, fast(er), slow(er), one sound, many sounds together	Create, compose, voices, body percussion, instruments, texture, one/many sound(s),	Boomwhackers, melody, create, steady, together, awareness of others, timbre, sound quality, tuned, untuned, silence, duration long/short notes, Structure verse/chorus	Boomwhackers, melody, compose, chords, notes, standard notation	Compose, ideas, melody, harmony, notation, record, read, play, texture, timbre, structure (Binary A,B, Ternary ABA) crotchet, minim, beat, count, dynamics, loud, quiet, changes in tempo, speed, improvise, expressively, accompaniments	Patterns, pulse, steady beat, notes, families of notes, chords, key, texture, timbre, structure, duration, tempo. Harmony (major, minor, atonal), melody, parts, beat, rhythm, time signature, quaver, crotchet, minim, semi breve, rest, notate, sequence of pitch, effect, composer's intention, audience
Notation	High notes, low notes, call and response, copy, repeat	Melody, tap a beat, clap a beat, steady, thinking voice, graphic notation	Rhythm, melody steady beat, musical notes, high(er), low(er), follow, record	Pause, rest, crotchet, score, follow, together, perform, beats	Score, follow, read, pause, rest symbol, standard notation, scale of C	Stave, note, crotchet, one beat, treble clef, rest, repeat sign, chord symbols, notation, ukulele finger patterns	Standard notation, stave, staff, note names, treble clef, bass clef, octave, key, chord, single line melody, rest symbol, melody,
Listening & Appraising	Listen carefully, copy, repeat, audience, performance, think, feel, tell me… sound story	Like, dislike, happy, sad, quiet, loud, excited, scary, composer, instruments	Instruments, composer, solo, orchestra, favourite, least favourite	Orchestra, instruments, loud, quiet, preference, describing likes/dislikes, describing sounds	Listen, structure, verse, chorus, repeating, cultural, traditional, mood of a piece, timbre/tone	Appraise, describe, compare, explain, dislike, like, prefer, identify, tempo, dynamics, melody, melodic phrases, repeating melodies,	Composer, history, instruments, romantic period, classical period, instruments, compare, contrast, describe, research, solo, ensemble, structure, timbre, character of the music, audience