



**Brookland Federation - Brookland Junior School**  
**Progression of knowledge, skills and elements for Music** (based on Charanga scheme of work)  
Musicianship - Notation Elements: Pulse, Rhythm, Pitch, Tempo, Dynamics

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Use body percussion, instruments and voices.</li><li>- Explore the time signatures of 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4.</li><li>- Internalise, keep and move in time with a steady beat in 4/4, 3/4 and 2/4 time.</li><li>- Find and keep a steady beat. Listen and copy more complex rhythmic patterns by ear or from notation.</li><li>- Copy back and improvise with rhythmic patterns using minims, crotchets, quavers and their equivalent rests.</li><li>- Copy back and improvise simple rhythmic patterns using semibreves, minims, dotted crotchets, crotchets, quavers and their rests and a series of notes</li><li>- Understand the beginnings of formal notation, linking sounds to symbols, and understand that music has its own language.</li><li>- Start learning about basic music theory:</li><li>- Introduce and understand the differences between crotchets and paired quavers.</li><li>- Play and sing in the time signatures of 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4.</li><li>- Create rhythms using word phrases as a starting point.</li><li>- Identify the names of some pitched notes on a stave.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Explore improvisation within major and minor scales.</li><li>- Explore and begin to create personal musical ideas using the given notes for the unit.</li><li>- Understand that improvisation is about the children making up their own very simple tunes on the spot.</li><li>- Follow a steady beat and stay 'in time'.</li><li>- Improvise simple vocal patterns using 'question and answer' phrases.</li><li>- Understand the difference between creating a rhythm pattern and a pitch pattern</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Use body percussion, instruments and voices. Explore the time signatures of 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 5/4 and 6/8.</li><li>- Listen and copy rhythmic patterns made of dotted minims, minims, dotted crotchets, crotchets, dotted quavers, triplet quavers, quavers, semiquavers and their rests, by ear or from notation.</li><li>- Copy back melodic patterns using the notes: notes including F# and C#</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Use body percussion, instruments and voices</li><li>- Explore the time signatures of 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 5/4 and 6/8.</li><li>- Listen and copy rhythmic patterns made of minims, dotted crotchets, crotchets, dotted quavers, triplet quavers, quavers, semiquavers and their rests, by ear or from notation.</li><li>- Copy back melodic patterns using the notes: D, E, F, G, A C, D, E, F, G, A, B G, A, B, C, D, E, F# D, E, F#, G, A, B, C#</li><li>- Listen and copy rhythmic patterns made of minims, dotted crotchets, crotchets, dotted quavers, triplet quavers, quavers, semiquavers and their rests, by ear or from notation.</li></ul>



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Listening - Elements: Pulse, Rhythm, Pitch, Tempo, Dynamics, Timbre, Texture, Structure

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Talk about the style of the music.</li> <li>- Share thoughts and feelings about the music</li> <li>- Find the beat or groove of the music.</li> <li>- Invent different actions to move in time with the music. Talk about what the song or piece of music means.</li> <li>- Talk about the style of the music. Identify and describe their feelings when hearing the music, including why they like or don't like the music.</li> <li>- Use appropriate musical language to describe and discuss the music.</li> <li>- Start to use musical concepts and elements more confidently when talking about the music.</li> <li>- Recognise that some instruments are band instruments and some are orchestral instruments. Identify specific instruments if they can.</li> <li>- Talk about where the music fits into the world.</li> <li>- Think about and discuss why the song or piece of music was written and what it might mean.</li> <li>- Discuss the style of the music and any other music they have heard that is similar.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Talk about the words of the song.</li> <li>- Think about why the song or piece of music was written.</li> <li>- Find and demonstrate the steady beat. Identify 2/4, 3/4, and 4/4 metre.</li> <li>- Identify the tempo as fast, slow or steady.</li> <li>- Discuss the structures of songs.</li> <li>- Explain what a main theme is and identify when it is repeated.</li> <li>- Identify: Call and response, A solo vocal/instrumental line and the rest of the ensemble, A change in texture - The articulation of certain words, Programme music</li> <li>- Know and understand what a musical introduction is and its purpose.</li> <li>- Recall by ear memorable phrases heard in the music. Identify major and minor tonalities.</li> <li>- Recognise the sound and notes of the pentatonic scale by ear and from notation</li> <li>- Describe legato and staccato.</li> <li>- Recognise the style of music they are listening to.</li> <li>- Recognise the following styles and any important musical features that distinguish each style: 20th and 21st Century Orchestral, Reggae, Soul, R&amp;B, Pop, Folk, Jazz, Disco, Musicals, Classical, Rock, Gospel, Romantic, Choral, Funk and Electronic Dance Music.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Talk about feelings created by the music.</li> <li>- Justify a personal opinion with reference to the musical elements.</li> <li>- Find and demonstrate the steady beat. Identify 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/8 and 5/4 metre.</li> <li>- Identify instruments by ear and through a range of media.</li> <li>- Discuss the structure of the music with reference to the verses, bridge, repeat signs, chorus and final chorus, improvisation, call and response, and AB form.</li> <li>- Explain a bridge passage and its position in a song.</li> <li>- Explain the role of a main theme in musical structure.</li> <li>- Understand what a musical introduction is and know its purpose.</li> <li>- Explain rapping. Identify major and minor tonalities.</li> <li>- Recognise the sound and notes of the pentatonic and Blues scales, by ear and from notation.</li> <li>- Identify the musical style of a song or piece of music.</li> <li>- Recognise the following styles and any key musical features that distinguish each style: Gospel, Minimalism, Rock 'n' Roll, South African Pop, Contemporary, Film Music, Hip Hop, Funk, Romantic and Musicals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify the following instruments by ear and through a range of media: bass guitar; electric guitar; percussion; sections of the orchestra such as brass, woodwind and strings; electric organ; congas; piano and synthesisers; and vocal techniques such as scat singing.</li> <li>- Identify the sound of a Gospel choir and soloist, a Rock band, a symphony orchestra and A cappella groups.</li> <li>- Discuss the structure of the music with reference to the verse, chorus, bridge and instrumental break.</li> <li>- Explain a bridge passage and its position in a song.</li> <li>- Identify major and minor tonalities and chord triads. Identify the musical style of a song, using some musical vocabulary to discuss its musical elements.</li> <li>- Recognise the following styles and any key musical features that distinguish the style: Hip Hop, Jazz: Swing, Rock, Zimbabwean Pop, Gospel, Salsa</li> </ul>



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Singing - Elements: Pulse, Rhythm, Pitch, Tempo, Dynamics, Structure

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sing as part of a choir and in unison.</li> <li>- Have a go at singing a solo.</li> <li>- Demonstrate good singing posture.</li> <li>- Sing the unit songs from memory.</li> <li>- Sing with attention to clear diction.</li> <li>- Sing more expressively, with attention to breathing and phrasing.</li> <li>- Discuss what the song or piece of music might be about.</li> <li>- Follow the leader or conductor confidently.</li> <li>- Sing with attention to the meaning of the words.</li> <li>- Listen for being 'in time' or 'out of time', with an awareness of following the beat.</li> <li>- Perform actions confidently and in time.</li> <li>- Sing a widening range of unison songs, of varying styles and structures.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sing as part of a choir with awareness of size: the larger the choir, the thicker and richer the musical texture.</li> <li>- Rehearse and learn songs from memory and/or with notation.</li> <li>- Sing in different time signatures: 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4.</li> <li>- Demonstrate vowel sounds, blended sounds and consonants.</li> <li>- Sing 'on pitch' and 'in time'. Sing expressively, with attention to breathing and phrasing.</li> <li>- Sing expressively, with attention to staccato and legato.</li> <li>- Talk about the different styles of singing used for different styles of song.</li> <li>- Talk about how the songs and their styles connect to the world</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sing in unison and parts, and as part of a smaller group.</li> <li>- Sing a second part in a song. Rehearse and learn songs from memory and/or with notation.</li> <li>- Sing in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 5/4 and 6/8 metre. Sing 'on pitch' and 'in time'.</li> <li>- Self-correct if lost or out of time.</li> <li>- Sing expressively, with attention to breathing and phrasing.</li> <li>- Sing expressively, with attention to dynamics and articulation.</li> <li>- Develop confidence as a soloist.</li> <li>- Talk about the different styles of singing used for different styles of song.</li> <li>- Talk confidently about how connected they feel to the music and how it connects to the world.</li> <li>- Respond to a leader or conductor.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rehearse and learn songs from memory and/or with notation.</li> <li>- Sing a broad range of songs as part of a choir, including those that involve syncopated rhythms, with a good sense of ensemble and performance. This should include observing rhythm, phrasing, accurate pitching and appropriate style.</li> <li>- Continue to sing in parts, where appropriate.</li> <li>- Demonstrate and maintain good posture and breath control whilst singing.</li> <li>- Sing with and without accompaniment.</li> <li>- Sing syncopated melodic patterns.</li> <li>- Lead a singing rehearsal.</li> <li>- Talk about the different styles of singing used in the various styles of song visited throughout this year.</li> <li>- Discuss with one another how connected they are to the music and songs, and how the songs and styles are connected to the world.</li> </ul>



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Playing Instruments - Elements: Pulse, Rhythm, Pitch, Tempo, Dynamics, Timbre, Texture, Structure

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rehearse and learn to play a simple melodic instrumental part, by ear or from notation, in C major, F major, G major and E major.</li><li>- Develop facility in playing tuned percussion or a melodic instrument, such as the violin or recorder. Play a part on a tuned instrument by ear or from notation.</li><li>- Play the instrumental part they are comfortable with and swap when appropriate.</li><li>- Treat instruments carefully and with respect.</li><li>- Play the right notes with secure rhythms.</li><li>- Play together as a group while keeping the beat.</li><li>- Listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader.</li><li>- Play their instruments with good posture and technique.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rehearse and learn to play a simple melodic instrumental part, by ear or from notation, in C major, F major, G major, D major and D minor.</li><li>- Rehearse and perform their parts within the context of the unit song.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rehearse and learn to play one of four differentiated instrumental parts, by ear or from notation, in the tonal centres of C major, F major, G major, E <math>\flat</math> major, C minor and D minor.</li><li>- Play a part on a tuned instrument, by ear or from notation.</li><li>- Play their instruments with good posture.</li><li>- Begin to understand how to rehearse a piece of music in order to improve.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rehearse and learn to play one of four differentiated instrumental parts, by ear or from notation, in the tonal centres of C major, F major, G major, D major, E major, A major, E <math>\flat</math> major, D minor and F minor.</li><li>- Play a melody, following staff notation written on one staff and using notes within an octave range; make decisions about dynamic range, including very loud (fortissimo), very quiet (pianissimo), moderately loud (mezzo forte) and moderately quiet (mezzo piano).</li><li>- Play a part on a tuned instrument, by ear or from notation.</li><li>- Play together with everybody while keeping the beat.</li><li>- Understand how to rehearse a piece of music in order to improve.</li><li>- Play a more complex part.</li></ul>



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 Improvising - Elements: Pulse, Rhythm, Pitch, Tempo, Dynamics, Structure

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explore improvisation within a major scale, using the notes: C, D, E C, D, E, F, G C, D, E, G, A G, A, B G, A, B, D, E G, A, B, C, D F, G, A F, G, A, C, D</li> <li>- Structure musical ideas (eg using echo or 'question and answer' phrases) to create music that has a beginning, middle and end.</li> <li>- When improvising, follow a steady beat and stay 'in time'.</li> <li>- Become more skilled in improvising; perhaps try more notes and rhythms, including rests or silent beats.</li> <li>- Think about creating music with 'phrases' made up of notes, rather than simply lots of notes played one after the other.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explore improvisation within a major scale, using the notes: C, D, E C, D, E, G, A C, D, E, F, G D, E, F# D, E, F#, A, B</li> <li>- Explore improvisation within a major scale, using more notes.</li> <li>- Improvise using a limited range of pitches on the instruments they are learning, making use of musical features, including smooth (legato) and detached (staccato) articulation.</li> <li>- Improvise over a simple chord progression /groove.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explore improvisation within a major and minor scale, using the following notes: C, D, E b, F, G C, D, E, F, G C, D, E, G, A F, G, A, B b, C D, E, F, G, A</li> <li>- Improvise over a simple groove, responding to the beat and creating a satisfying melodic shape.</li> <li>- Experiment with using a wider range of dynamics, including very loud (fortissimo), very quiet (pianissimo), moderately loud (mezzo forte) and moderately quiet (mezzo piano).</li> <li>- Follow a steady beat and stay 'in time'.</li> <li>- Become more skilled in improvising; perhaps try more notes and rhythms.</li> <li>- Become more skilled in improvising; perhaps try to use melodic jumps that might get higher and lower.</li> <li>- Explore rhythm patterns created from quavers, crotchets, semiquavers, minims and their rests.</li> <li>- Include rests or silent beats. Think about creating music with 'phrases' made up of notes, rather than just lots of notes played one after the other. Include smooth (legato) and detached (staccato) articulation when playing notes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explore improvisation within a major scale, using the notes: C, D, E, F, G G, A, B b, C, D G, A, B, C, D F, G, A, C, D</li> <li>- Improvise over a groove, responding to the beat, creating a satisfying melodic shape with varied dynamics and articulation.</li> <li>- Follow a steady beat and stay 'in time'.</li> <li>- Become more skilled in improvising, perhaps trying more notes and rhythms.</li> <li>- Include rests or silent beats.</li> <li>- Think about creating music with 'phrases' made up of notes, rather than just lots of notes played one after the other.</li> <li>- Challenge themselves to play for longer periods, both as soloists and in response to others in a group.</li> </ul>



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 Composing - Elements: Pulse, Rhythm, Pitch, Tempo, Dynamics

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create a simple melody using crotchets, minims and perhaps paired quavers: C, D C, D, E C, D, E, G C, D, E, G, A</li> <li>- Start and end on the note C, F, G (pentatonic on C). C, D C, D, E C, D, E, F C, D, E, F, G</li> <li>- Successfully create a melody in keeping with the style of the backing track. This could include: Composing over a simple chord progression, Composing over a simple groove, Composing over a drone.</li> <li>- Include a home note, to give a sense of an ending; coming home.</li> <li>- Perform their simple composition/s, using their own choice of notes.</li> <li>- Give the melody a shape.</li> <li>- Describe how their melodies were created.</li> <li>- Start to use simple structures within compositions, eg introduction, verse and chorus or AB form.</li> <li>- Use simple dynamics.</li> <li>- Create a tempo instruction.</li> <li>- Compose song accompaniments on tuned and untuned percussion, using known rhythms and note values.</li> <li>- Use simple rhythmic combinations of minims, crotchets and paired quavers with their corresponding rests to create rhythm patterns.</li> <li>- Music Notepad Compose a standalone piece of music which includes: A time signature, A treble</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create a melody using crotchets, minims, quavers and their rests.</li> <li>- Use a pentatonic scale: C, D C, D, E C, D, E, G C, D, E, G, A</li> <li>- Start and end on the note C (pentatonic on C). c major, A minor, D minor, G pentatonic, D minor</li> <li>- Successfully create a melody in keeping with the style of the backing track. This could include: Composing over a simple chord progression, Composing over a simple groove, Composing over a drone.</li> <li>- Include a home note to give a sense of an ending; coming home.</li> <li>- Use music technology, if available, to capture, change and combine sounds.</li> <li>- Start to use simple structures within compositions, eg introduction, verse and chorus or AB form. Use simple dynamics.</li> <li>- Create a tempo instructions</li> <li>- Compose song accompaniments on tuned and untuned percussion, using known rhythms and note values.</li> <li>- Create a melody using crotchets, minims, quavers and their rests.</li> <li>- Use a pentatonic scale.</li> <li>- Begin to understand the structure of the composition.</li> <li>- Explain its musical shape, identifying melodic intervals (a melody that leaps) and melodic steps (a melody that moves to the next note).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create a melody using crotchets, quavers and minims, and perhaps semibreves and semiquavers, plus all equivalent rests.</li> <li>- Use a pentatonic and a full scale.</li> <li>- Use major and minor tonality: F, G F, G, A F, G, A, B ♭ F, G, A, B ♭, C</li> <li>- Start and end on the note F (F major). G, A G, A, B G, A, B, C G, A, B, C, D, G major, pentatonic G,</li> <li>- Start and end on the note G (G major). G, A G, A, B G, A, B, D G, A, B, D, E</li> <li>- Understand how chord triads are formed and play them on tuned percussion, melodic instruments or keyboards.</li> <li>- Perform simple, chordal accompaniments.</li> <li>- Create a melody using crotchets, quavers and minims, and perhaps semibreves and semiquavers, plus all equivalent rests.</li> <li>- Use a pentatonic and a full scale, as well as major and minor tonalities.</li> <li>- Understand the structure of the composition.</li> <li>- Explain its musical shape, identifying melodic intervals (a melody that leaps) and melodic steps (a melody that moves to the next note). Include a home note to give a sense of an ending; coming home.</li> <li>- Perform their simple composition/s, using their own choice of notes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create a melody using crotchets, quavers and minims, and perhaps semibreves and semiquavers, plus all equivalent rests.</li> <li>- Use pentatonic and a full scale.</li> <li>- Use major and minor tonality: C, D C, D, E C, D, E, F C, D, E, F, G</li> <li>- Start and end on the note C (C major). G, A G, A, B G, A, B, D G, A, B, D, E</li> <li>- Start and end on the note G (minor pentatonic on G), D minor, F major</li> <li>- Plan and compose an eight or 16-beat melodic phrase using a pentatonic scale, eg C, D, E, G, A, and incorporate rhythmic variety and interest.</li> <li>- Play this melody on available tuned percussion and/or orchestral instruments.</li> <li>- Notate this melody.</li> <li>- Either of these melodies can be enhanced with rhythmic or simple chordal accompaniment.</li> <li>- Create a simple chord progression.</li> <li>- Compose a ternary (ABA form) piece.</li> <li>- Use available music software/apps to create and record it, discussing how musical contrasts are achieved.</li> <li>- Use music technology, if available, to capture, change and combine sounds.</li> <li>- Create music in response to music and video stimuli.</li> </ul>





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Performing - Elements: Pulse, Rhythm, Pitch, Tempo, Dynamics, Timbre, Texture, Structure

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Plan, rehearse and perform for an audience a song that has been learnt in the lesson, from memory or with notation, and with confidence.</li><li>- Explain why the song was chosen.</li><li>- Show their understanding of the Musical Spotlight and Social Question, and how they have influenced their performance.</li><li>- Follow the leader or conductor.</li><li>- Talk about the strengths of the performance, how they felt and what they would like to change.</li><li>- Introduce the performance with an understanding of what the song is about and comment on any other relevant connections.</li><li>- Include any actions, instrumental parts/improvisatory ideas/composed passages within the rehearsal and in the performance.</li><li>- Reflect on feelings about sharing and performing, eg excitement, nerves, enjoyment, etc.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rehearse and enjoy the opportunity to share what has been learnt in the lessons.</li><li>- Perform, with confidence, a song from memory or using notation.</li><li>- Play and perform melodies following staff notation, using a small range, as a whole class or in small groups.</li><li>- Include instrumental parts/improvisatory sections/composed passages within the rehearsal and performance.</li><li>- Explain why the song was chosen, including its composer and the historical and cultural context of the song.</li><li>- Communicate the meaning of the words and articulate them clearly.</li><li>- Reflect on the performance and how well it suited the occasion.</li><li>- Discuss and respond to any feedback; consider how future performances might be different.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Create, rehearse and present a holistic performance for a specific purpose, for a friendly but unfamiliar audience.</li><li>- Perform a range of repertoire pieces and arrangements, combining acoustic instruments to form mixed ensembles, including a school orchestra.</li><li>- Perform from memory or with notation, with confidence and accuracy. Include instrumental parts/improvisatory sections/composed passages within the rehearsal and performance.</li><li>- Explain why the song was chosen, including its composer and the historical and cultural context of the song.</li><li>- A student will lead part of the rehearsal and part of the performance.</li><li>- Record the performance and compare it to a previous performance; explain how well the performance communicated the mood of each piece.</li><li>- Discuss and talk musically about the strengths and weaknesses of a performance.</li><li>- Collect feedback from the audience and reflect on how future performances might be different.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Create, rehearse and present a holistic performance for a specific event, for an unfamiliar audience, with a detailed understanding of the musical, cultural and historical contexts.</li><li>- Perform a range of songs as a choir in school assemblies, school performance opportunities and to a wider audience.</li><li>- Perform from memory or with notation.</li><li>- Understand the value of choreographing any aspect of a performance.</li><li>- Understand the importance of the performing space and how to use it.</li><li>- Rehearse and lead parts of the performance, individually or as a group.</li><li>- Record the performance and compare it to a previous one.</li><li>- Collect feedback from the audience and reflect on how the audience believed in/supported the performance. Discuss how the performance might change if it were repeated in a larger/smaller performance space.</li></ul>