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| Concept | (Years 1 & 2) | (Years 3 & 4) | (Years 5 & 6) |
| Perform This concept involves understanding that music is created to be performed. | Take part in singing, accurately following the melody. | Sing from memory with accurate pitch. | Sing or play from memory with confidence. |
| | Follow instructions on how and when to sing or play an | Sing in tune. | Perform solos or as part of an ensemble. |
| | instrument. Make and control long and short | Maintain a simple part within a group. | Sing or play expressively and in tune. |
| | sounds, using voice and instruments. | Pronounce words within a song clearly. | Hold a part within a round. |
| | Imitate changes in pitch. | Show control of voice. | Sing a harmony part confidently and accurately. |
| | | Play notes on an instrument with care so that they are clear. | Sustain a drone or a melodic ostinato to accompany singing. |
| | | Perform with control and awareness of others. | Perform with controlled breathing (voice) and skilful playing (instrument). |
| Compose This concept involves appreciating that | Create a sequence of long and short sounds. Clap rhythms. | Compose and perform melodic songs. | Create songs with verses and a chorus. |
| music is created through a process which has a number of | Create a mixture of different sounds (long and short, loud and | Use sound to create abstract effects. | Create rhythmic patterns with an awareness of timbre and duration. |
| techniques. | quiet, high and low). Choose sounds to create an | Create repeated patterns with a range of instruments. | Combine a variety of musical devices, including melody, |
| | effect. | Create accompaniments for tunes. | rhythm and chords. |
| | Sequence sounds to create an overall effect. Create short, musical patterns. | Use drones as accompaniments. | Thoughtfully select elements for a piece in order to gain a defined effect. |
| | Create short, rhythmic phrases. | Choose, order, combine and control sounds to create an effect. | Use drones and melodic ostinati (based on the pentatonic scale). |
| | | Use digital technologies to compose pieces of music. | Convey the relationship between the lyrics and the melody. |
| | | | Use digital technologies to compose, edit and refine pieces of music. |

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| Transcribe This concept involves understanding that compositions need to be understood by others and that there are techniques and a language for communicating them. | Use symbols to represent a composition and use them to help with a performance. | Devise nonstandard symbols to indicate when to play and rest. Recognise the notes EGBDF and FACE on the musical stave. Recognise the symbols for a minim, crotchet and semibreve and say how many beats they represent. | Use the standard musical notation of crotchet, minim and semibreve to indicate how many beats to play. Read and create notes on the musical stave. Understand the purpose of the treble and bass clefs and use them in transcribing compositions. Understand and use the # (sharp) and b (flat) symbols. Use and understand simple |
| Describe music This concept involves appreciating the features and effectiveness of musical elements. | Identify the beat of a tune. Recognise changes in timbre, dynamics and pitch. | Use the terms: duration, timbre, pitch, beat, tempo, texture and use of silence to describe music. Evaluate music using musical vocabulary to identify areas of likes and dislikes. Understand layers of sounds and discuss their effect on mood and feelings. | time signatures. Choose from a wide range of musical vocabulary to accurately describe and appraise music including: pitch dynamics tempo timbre texture lyrics and melody sense of occasion expressive solo rounds harmonies accompaniments drones cyclic patterns combination of musical elements cultural context. Describe how lyrics often reflect the cultural context of music and have social meaning. |