Music Skills Progression

	EYFS	Key Stage I	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Listen and appraise	✓ Responding to music with thoughts and feelings	✓ Learn how they can enjoy moving to music by dancing, marching, being animals or pop stars.	 ✓ Confidently identify and move to the pulse. ✓ Think about what the words of a song mean. ✓ Take it in turn to discuss how the song makes them feel. ✓ Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music. 	 ✓ Identify and move to the pulse with ease. ✓ Think about the message of songs. ✓ Compare two songs in the same style, talking about what stands out musically in each of them, their similarities and differences. ✓ Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music. ✓ Talk about the musical dimensions working together in the Unit songs. ✓ Talk about the music and how it makes you feel.
Singing	✓ Sing a song by heart ✓ Learn a call and response song	 ✓ Learn about voices, singing notes of different pitches (high and low). ✓ Learn that they can make different types of sounds with their voices – you can rap or say words in rhythm. ✓ Learn to start and stop singing when following a leader 	 ✓ Sing in unison and in simple two-parts. ✓ Demonstrate a good singing posture. ✓ Follow a leader when singing. ✓ Enjoy exploring singing solo. ✓ Sing with awareness of being 'in tune'. ✓ Have an awareness of the pulse internally when singing 	 ✓ Sing in unison and to sing backing vocals. ✓ Enjoy exploring singing solo. ✓ Listen to the group when singing. ✓ Demonstrate a good singing posture. ✓ Follow a leader when singing. ✓ Experience rapping and solo singing. ✓ Listen to each other and be aware of how you fit into the group. ✓ Sing with awareness of being 'in tune'.

Playing	 ✓ Play an instrument to a simple beat ✓ Play a steady beat 	 ✓ Treat instruments carefully and with respect. ✓ Play a tuned instrumental part with the song they perform. ✓ Learn to play an instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts (a one-note part, a simple part, medium part). ✓ Listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader. 	 ✓ Treat instruments carefully and with respect. ✓ Play any one, or all of four, differentiated parts on a tuned instrument – a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of the song) from memory or using notation. ✓ Rehearse and perform their part within the context of the Unit song. ✓ Listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader. 	 ✓ Play a musical instrument with the correct technique within the context of the Unit song. ✓ Select and learn an instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts – a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of the song from memory or using notation. ✓ Rehearse and perform their part within the context of the Unit song. ✓ Listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader. ✓ Lead a rehearsal session.
Improvisation	 ✓ Learn about the pulse / beat in a song ✓ Tap a rhythm to accompany words 	✓ Improvise using listen and clap back ✓ Copy back using instruments. Use one note.	 ✓ Improvise using instruments in the context of the song they are learning to perform ✓ Copy back using instruments. Use one or two notes. 	 ✓ Improvise using instruments in the context of a song to be performed ✓ Copy back using instruments. Use the three notes.
Composition	 ✓ Create own songs and improvise around ones we already know ✓ Change the words to songs 	 ✓ Help to create a simple melody using one, two or three notes. ✓ Learn how the notes of the composition can be written down and changed if necessary. 	 ✓ Help create at least one simple melody using one or three different notes. ✓ Plan and create a section of music that can be performed within the context of the unit song. ✓ Talk about how it was created. ✓ Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions about pulse, rhythm, pitch, dynamics and tempo. ✓ Record the composition in any way appropriate 	 ✓ Create simple melodies using up to five different notes and simple rhythms that work musically with the style of the Unit song. ✓ Explain the keynote or home note and the structure of the melody ✓ Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions about how the melody connects with the song. ✓ Record the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation).

	✓	Perform any of the nursery	✓ Choose a song they have learnt and	✓ Choose what to perform and	✓ Choose what to perform and
		rhymes by singing and adding	perform it.	create a programme.	create a programme.
Performance		actions or dance.	✓ Add their ideas to the	✓ Communicate the meaning of the	✓ Communicate the meaning of the
	✓	Perform any nursery rhymes or	performance.	words and clearly articulate them.	words and clearly articulate them.
		songs adding a simple instrumental	✓ Record the performance and say	✓ Talk about the best place to be	✓ Talk about the venue and how to
		part	how they were feeling about it.	when performing and how to stand	use it to best effect.
	✓	Performing in front of an audience		or sit.	✓ Record the performance and
				✓ Record the performance and say	compare it to a previous
				how they were feeling, what they	performance.
				were pleased with what they would	✓ Discuss and talk musically about it
				change and why.	- "What went well?" and "It would
					have been even better if?"