Long Term Plan: Music

Our scheme of work fulfils the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum (2014). The National Curriculum for Music aims to ensure that all pupils:

From these aims, we have identified five strands which run throughout our scheme of work:

Perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians

Listening and evaluating

Creating sound

Learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence

Notation

Improvising and composing

Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.

Performing - singing and playing

Important Vocabulary for all years:

Pulse, Pitch, Duration, Dynamics, Tempo, Timbre, Texture, Structure, Musical Notation

Units can be completed in any order. There are 4 units per year that are compulsory. 1 unit is Autumn 2 preparing for Christmas concerts and 1 free choice from Kapow. Each unit is five lessons, and all lessons must be completed in order. You should teach music at least 45 mins a week or 1:30 hours every two weeks. You may also teach music in a block.

There are optional units for each year (you will see these in Kapow) but can only be completed after the first four are done. Words in brackets is the theme. You can try to fit the units to your subject topics or have them as standalone themes to aid pre-teaching or revision.

In year 3, children must begin whole-class instrumental lessons and complete them in order. These units cannot be mixed up. You can choose to not do unit 3 and 4 and continue Whole – Class Instrumental Units if going well. I would suggest doing these sessions in the hall.

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Compulsory	Exploring Sound	Keeping the	African Call and	Whole-Class	Body and tuned	Composition	Baroque
Unit 1		pulse	Response	Instrumental:	instruments	(Egypt)	
		(My favourite	(Animals)	South Africa	(Rainforests)		
		things)					
Compulsory	Music and	Sound patterns	Instruments	Whole-Class	Changes in Pitch,	Blues	Dynamics, Pitch
Unit 2	Movement	(Fairytales)	(Musical	Instrumental:	Tempo and		and Tempo
			storytelling)	Caribbean	Dynamics		(Fingal's Cave)
					(Rivers)		
Compulsory	Transport	Pitch	Structure	Pentatonic	Samba and	South and West	Theme and
Unit 3		(Superheroes)	(Myths and	melodies and	Carnival Sounds	Africa	Variations
			Legends)	composition	and Instruments		(Pop Art)
				(Chinese New			
				Year)			
Compulsory	Big Band	Musical Symbols	Pitch	Ballads	Adapting and	Composition to	Composing and
Unit 4		(Under the Sea)	(Musical Me)		Transposing	represent the	performing a
					Motifs	festival of colour	leavers' song
					(Romans)	(Holi Festival)	

Knowledge organisers: https://www.kapowprimary.com/resource-bank/kapow-primary-music-knowledge-organisers/