



Music is one of the central building blocks of any culture and the shared knowledge of music is crucial cultural capital in understanding where we came from and our place in the world.

		Autumn		Spring		Summer	
EYFS Expressive Arts and Design	Harvest Celebration songs & hymns for family church service	Christingle Songs and Carols for family service	Exploring sound Exploring how to use our voice and bodies to make sounds, experimenting with tempo and dynamic when playing instruments and identifying sounds in the environment		Music and movement Creating simple actions to songs, learning how to move to a beat and expressing feelings and emotions through movement to music		Herts Music Hub Individual Lessons
			Reception Nativity Performance (music and songs)	Pitch and tempo (Theme: Superheroes) Learning how to identify high and low notes and to compose a simple tune, children investigate how tempo changes help tell a story and make music more exciting.		Big band Learning about the four different groups of musical instruments, following a beat using an untuned instrument and performing a practised song to a small audience	
Year 1		Recorder Group	Pulse and rhythm (Theme: All about me) Children learn to identify the difference between the pulse and rhythm of a song and consolidate their understanding of these concepts through listening and performing activities	Classical music, dynamics and tempo (Theme: Animals) Children use their bodies and instruments to listen and respond to pieces of classical music that represent animals	Musical vocabulary (Under the sea) Journey into the unknown and explore under the sea through music, movement, chanting and the playing of tuned percussion instruments.		KS 1 & EYFS Singing Club
			Timbre and rhythmic patterns (Theme: Fairytales) Through fairy tales, children are introduced to the concept of timbre; learning that different sounds can represent characters and key moments in a story. (condensed version) Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance (music and songs)		Vocal and body sounds (Theme: By the sea) Children make links between music, sounds and environments and use percussion, vocal and body sounds to represent calm or stormy seas		

Year 2	Musical me Children learn to sing the song 'Once a Man Fell in a Well' and to play it using tuned percussion. Using letter notation to write a melody.	Recorder Group	Rock Steady Group Lessons	Dynamics, timbre, tempo and motifs (Theme: Space) Developing knowledge and understanding of dynamics, timbre, tempo and instruments. Learning to compose and play motifs	Recorder Group	Rock Steady Group Lessons	Orchestral instruments (Theme: Traditional Western stories) Children are introduced to the instruments of the orchestra and practice identifying these within a piece of music	
								On this island: British songs and sounds Creating sounds to represent three contrasting landscapes: seaside, countryside and city (condensed version) Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance (music and songs)
Year 3	Body and tuned percussion (Theme: Rainforests) A topic of discovery; children will explore the rainforest through music and be introduced to new musical terms.	School Choir	Recorder Group	Ballads Children learn what ballads are, how to identify their features and how to convey different emotions when performing them.	Recorder Group	Rock Steady Group Lessons	Changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics (Theme: Rivers) Learning to listen to changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics and relate it to something tangible and familiar	
	Unit 3: South America (Instrumental lessons)						Rock and Roll Learning about the origin and features of rock and roll music, pupils learn how to play the Hand Jive and Rock Around the Clock.	Adapting and transposing motifs (Theme: Romans) Drawing upon their understanding of repeating patterns in music, pupils are introduced to the concept of motifs
	Year 3-6 Christmas Concert						Class Musical Performance	

Year 4	<p>Listening Work on active listening through EMW/developing knowledge of genres etc Year 3-6 Christmas Concert</p>	<p>Listening Listening Work on active listening through EMW/developing knowledge of genres etc</p>	<p>Listening Listening Work on active listening through EMW/developing knowledge of genres etc</p>
	<p>WCET Whole Class Ensemble Teaching performance</p>	<p>WCET Whole Class Ensemble Teaching performance</p>	<p>WCET Whole Class Ensemble Teaching performance</p>
Year 5	<p>Blues Children are introduced to this famous genre of music and its history, and learn to identify the key features and mood of Blues music and its importance and purpose.</p>	<p>Musical theatre Children are introduced to musical theatre, learning how singing, acting and dancing can be combined to give an overall performance.</p>	<p>Composition to represent the festival of colour (Theme: Holi festival) Art Link Children explore the associations between music, sounds and colour, building up to composing and performing their own musical composition to represent Holi.</p>
	<p>South and West Africa Children learn 'Shosholozu', a traditional South African song, play the accompanying chords using tuned percussion and learn to play the djembe</p>	<p>Unit 2: Caribbean (Instrumental lessons) Link to History Voices from the Past and Art Learning about the history and features of Calypso music, performing a calypso style song with voices and tuned percussion in multiple parts and playing from staff notation</p>	<p>Composition notation (Theme: Ancient Egypt) Based on the theme of Ancient Egypt, children learn to identify the pitch and rhythm of written notes and experiment with notating their composition. History Link</p>
	<p>Year 3-6 Christmas Concert</p>	<p>Class Musical Performance</p>	<p>Year 6 production (choir)</p>

Year 6	<p>Dynamics, pitch and texture (Theme: Coast - Fingal's Cave by Mendelssohn)</p> <p>Appraising the work of Mendelssohn and further developing the skills of improvisation and composition.</p>	<p>Film music</p> <p>Exploring and identifying the characteristics of film music. Creating a composition and graphic score to perform alongside a film</p>	<p>Unit 5: India 'Bollywood' (Instrumental lessons) Linking to A Beautiful Lie Transition Text English</p>		
	<p>Songs of World War 2 Developing pitch, control and confidence when singing</p>			<p>Theme and variations (Theme: Pop Art)</p> <p>Children explore the musical concept of theme and variations and discover how rhythms can 'translate' onto different instruments.</p>	<p>Year 6 Production</p> <p>Composing and performing a Leavers' song Children spend the topic creating their very own leavers' song personal to their experiences as a class.</p>
	<p>Year 3-6 Christmas Concert</p>				