

Music vocabulary

EYFS



Exploring sound

voice, voice sounds, sound, instrument, loud, quiet, high, low, squeaky, soft, deep, body sounds, body percussion, sound, tempo, fast, slow, rhythm, beat, instrumental sounds, tempo, fast, quickly, slowly, dynamic, loudly, quietly, environmental sounds, pitch, middle, nature sounds

Music and movement

actions, action songs, sign language, Makaton, deaf, communication, communicating, understand, lyrics, verse, beat, music, heartbeat, pulse, steady, repeat, constant, drum, piece, composer, tempo, fast, moderate, medium, slow, dance, pitch, high, low, sound, whistle, triangle, siren, cello, perform, performance, audience

Transport

car, boat, train, beat, fast, slow, speed, cruise, rowing, water, symbols, slower, faster, stopping, journey, score

Big band

music, musical instrument, band, sound, shake, tap, bang, strum, jingle, tempo, dynamic, pitch, beat, orchestra, sound, rhythm, beat, conductor, wind, strings, percussion, brass

Music vocabulary

Year 1



Pulse and rhythm (Theme: All about me)

pulse, singing voice, speaking voice, thinking voice

Sound patterns (Theme: Fairy Tales)

character, voice, sound pattern

Pitch and tempo (Theme: Superheroes)

high, low, pattern, performance, pitch, tempo

Vocal and Body sounds (Theme: Under the sea)

dynamics, pitch, **rest (gap)**, sound pattern, tempo

Music vocabulary

Year 2



Call and response (Theme: Animals)

call and response, sound pattern, dynamics

Instruments (Musical storytelling)

dynamics, **encore**, **instrumental sound**, **sound effect**, tempo

Structure (Myths and legends)

legend, **myth**, composition, **notation**, rest, **rhythm**, **structure**, tempo, **two half beats**, **one beat**.

Pitch (Musical Me)

dot, low, notation, **phrase**, pitch, **stave**

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Year 3



Ballads

ballad, chorus, compose, dynamics, emotions, **ensemble**, facial **expressions**, **features**, feelings, instrumentals, lyrics, melody, **nonsense words**, performance, **phrases**, **poem**, pop songs, rehearse, rhyme, solo, **stanza**, **story mountain**, **summarize**, tune, verse, vocabulary, volume

Developing singing technique (Theme: The Vikings)

accuracy, backing track, beat, body percussion, call and response, **co-ordinated**, **crotchet**, discipline, duration, dynamics, in-time, in-tune, layer, lyrics, **key change**, **major key**, **minim**, **minor key**, notation, part, pulse, quaver, rehearse, rhythm, rhythmic notation, sound effects, stave notation, tempo, **tension**, tune, vocal warm-up,

Pentatonic melodies and composition (Theme: Chinese New Year)

accuracy, **crescendo**, **control**, composition, duration, dynamics, expression, features, **fluency**, **folk music**, glockenspiel, **grid notation**, **harmony**, **layered melodies**, letter notation, melody, **musical terminology**, notation, notes, **octaves**, **pentatonic melody**, **pentatonic scale**, **phrases**, **scale**, timbre, tempo, untuned percussion,

Traditional instruments and improvisation (Theme: India)

Bollywood, compose, **drone**, dynamics, **harmonium**, improvise, **Indian flute**, lyrics, melodic line, notation, opinion, pitch, repeated rhythm, rhythm, **rag**, **sarangi**, **sitar**, **tabla**, **tala**, tempo,

Music vocabulary

Year 4



Body and tuned percussion (Theme: Rainforests)

body percussion, combine, compose, **contrasting rhythms**, dynamics, inspiration, layers, **loop**, **organisation**, repeated melodies, melody line, pitch, record, rhythm, sections, structure, tempo, texture, tune, tuned percussion

Changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics (Theme: Rivers)

a capella, **breath control**, **cue**, **diction**, directing, dynamics, expression, **harmony line**, layer, melody, mood, notation, opinion, **ostinato**, percussion, **in the round**, parts, rhythm, staff notation, tempo, texture, **vocal ostinato**

Samba and carnival sounds and instruments (Theme: South America)

agogo, **bateria**, **caixa**, **carnival**, **chocalho**, composition, crescendo, **cowbell**, dynamics, ensemble, features, **ganza**, influenced, **metronome**, off-beat, percussion, pulse, **repique**, rhythm, **rhythmic break**, **samba**, **samba breaks**, structure, **surdo**, **syncopated rhythms**, **tamborim**, texture, unison, untuned percussion

Adapting and transposing motifs (Theme: Romans)

backing track, bass line, beat, call and response, compose, **crotchet**, **dotted minim**, flats, graphic notation, in-time, in-tune, key, **key signature**, loop, lyrics, **minim**, motif, notation, ostinato, pitch, **quavers**, repeating patterns, repetition, rhythm, rhythmic notation, riff, **semibreve**, sharps, tempo, **transpose**, tuned instrument, **vocal warm-ups**

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Year 5



Composition notation (Theme: Ancient Egypt)

accuracy, backing track, **balance**, composition, control, crotchet, **dotted minim**, ensemble, expression, features, fluency, lyrics, minim, minor key, notation, parts, pitch, **pitch notation**, quaver, repeating, rhythm, semibreve, **sheet music**, **staff notation**, **stave**, structure, tempo, tune, tuned percussion, unison, vocal warm-ups

Blues

12-bar blues, **ascending scale**, backing track, **bar**, bent notes, blues, **blues scale**, **chord**, convey, **descending scale**, expression, features, flat, improvisation, lyrics, pitch, quavers, scale, sharp, solo, staff notation

South and West Africa

a capella, **break**, call and response, chords, chord progression, **diction**, **djembe**, duo, dynamics, **eight-beat break**, ensemble, expression, improvisation, major chord, **master drummer**, metronome, performance, **polyrhythms**, **pronunciation**, pulse, ostinato, rests, rhythm, soloist, syncopation, tempo, tuned percussion, unaccompanied, vocals

Composition to represent the festival of colour (Theme: Holi festival)

dynamics, graphic score, inspiration, layering, mood, pitch, represent, soundtrack, **synesthesia**, tempo, texture, timbre, **visual representation**, vocal sounds

Music vocabulary

Year 6



Dynamics, pitch and texture

classical, **characterise**, composition, conductor, depict, dynamics, ensemble, graphic score, improvisation, notation, orchestra, pitch, texture

Theme and variations (Theme: Pop Art)

3/4 time, **4/4 time**, **accidentals**, body percussion, diaphragm, **legato**, motif, orchestra, percussion, phrases, pitch, pizzicato, pulse, quaver, rhythm, rhythmic elements, section, **semi-quaver**, staccato, tempo, theme, **TIKI-TIKI**, **TI-TIKI**, **TIKI-TI**, **translate**, **variations**, vocal line, woodwind

Baroque

Baroque, **bass clef**, **bass instrument**, **canon**, counter melody, **counter-subject**, **fugue**, **ground bass**, improvise, melodic ostinato, melody, musical structure, opera, ostinato part, pitch, **polyphonic**, oratorio, **recitative**, a round, rhythmic ostinato, **sharp note**, staff notation, **subject**, texture

Composing and performing a Leavers' song

allegro, arrangement, backing track, chorus, chord progression, compose, crescendo, **diminuendo**, dynamics, evaluate, forte, **largo**, lyrics, melody, mood, musical features, notation, piano, **poetic structure**, repetitive, rhyme, **ritardando**, tempo, sequence, stave notation, structure, upbeat, verse

Interrelated dimensions of Music

The main building blocks of music.

pitch	How high or low a sound is.
duration (rhythm)	The length of time each note is played for (e.g. long or short).
dynamics	The volume of the piece of music (e.g. loud or quiet).
tempo	The speed of a piece of a music (e.g. fast or slow).
texture	How many layers of sound the music has (e.g. thick or thin).
timbre	The quality of sound (e.g. smooth or scratchy).
structure	How the music is organised into different sections.
notation	The way that music is written down so others can play it.

