Skills Progression in Music

	Performing	Singing	Listening	Composing
Nursery	 Use large- muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks. Use untuned percussion instruments. Clap a given rhythm 	 Sing the pitch of a tone sung by another person. 	Listen with increased attention to sound.	 Create my own songs. Improvise a song around one I know.
Reception	 Combine different movements with ease and fluency trying to move in time with the music. Explore and engage in music making through stories, songs, poems, rhymes and dance, performing on my own or in a group. Use untuned percussion instruments. Clap/play a given rhythm. 	Sing in a group or on my own, increasingly matching the pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre and following the melody.	Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound.	Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express my feelings and ideas.
Year 1	 Use instruments to perform. Follow instructions about when to play Copy a given rhythm. Play the beat of a song. 	 Use my voice to speak, sing and chant. Make different sounds with my voice. Follow instructions when about to sing. Tap the pulse whilst singing. Clap the rhythm of a song whilst singing. 	 I can Identify the beat of a tune. Respond to different moods in music. Identify ascending and descending sounds in a song. 	 Make a sequence of sounds. Repeat short rhythmic and melodic patterns. Take turns with my partner.

Year 2	 Perform simple patterns and accompaniments, keeping a simple pulse. Play simple rhythmic patterns on an instrument. Copy a given rhythm Play the pulse/ rhythm of a song. 	 Sing and follow a melody. Sing/clap increasing and decreasing tempo. Tap the pulse whilst singing Clap the rhythm of words of a song whilst singing. 	 Identify the pulse and beat of a song. Listen out for changes when listening to music, timbre, dynamics, pitch 	Create music in response to different starting points.
Year 3	 Play clear notes on instruments. Copy a rhythmic phrase. Play two ostinato rhythms simultaneously. 	 Begin to sing in parts. Sing a tune with expression. 	Listen to a range of types of music from different traditions.	Create a simple melodic phrase. Create accompaniments for simple tunes.
Year 4	 Perform a simple part rhythmically. Clap the rhythm whilst others tap the metre. Tap the metre of songs. Play simple tunes by ear Play an ostinato accompaniment to a song. 	I can I can sing songs from memory with accurate pitch.	Listen to a range of types of music from different traditions. Listen and respond to live, recorded music, talk about how it makes you feel.	 I can I can improvise using repeated patterns. Create a melodic phrase. Improvise rhythmic phrases of equal length in pairs.

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Year 5	 Copy and improvise rhythmic phrases Clap a beat whilst others clap the rhythm Play simple tunes and add a drone accompaniment. 	 Sing an ostinato accompaniment. Sing in two part harmonies. Breathe in the correct place when singing. 	 Listen to an individual part in three and four part music. Analyse basic song structures. Talk about how live/recorded music makes you feel. 	 Create an up and down tune Choose the most appropriate tempo for a piece of music.
Year 6	 Combine ostinato phrases. Play simple tunes and add an ostinato accompaniment. 	 Choose appropriate tempo and dynamics whilst singing. Combine ostinato phrases. 	Listen to an individual rhythm in a five part structure.	 Create a tune using two or three phrases. Combine melody and ostinato accompaniment. Compose music to evoke contrasting moods suggested by a stimulus.