

Music Vocabulary Progression

Note: The new vocabulary for each year group builds on the vocabulary from previous years.

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Musical composition	Fast, slow, follow, high, instrument, low, loud, quiet, pulse, repeat, unison, rhythm, copy, sing, song, sounds, singers, perform.	Pulse, rhythm, pitch, unison, rap, improvise, compose, melody, perform, singers, groove, audience, imagination.	Pulse, rhythm, pitch, improvise, compose, audience, question and answer, melody, dynamics, tempo, perform/performance, audience.	Structure, intro/introduction, verse, chorus, improvise, compose, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, bass, hook, melody, texture, backing vocals, hook, riff, melody, pentatonic scale, imagination.	Bass, improvise, compose, melody, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture, structure, compose, improvise, hook, riff, melody, solo, pentatonic scale, unison, rhythm patterns, musical style, rapping, lyrics, choreography, by ear, notation, backing vocal, birdsong.	Bridge, backbeat, amplifier, chorus, riff, hook, improvise, compose, appraising, syncopation, structure, tune/head, note values, note names, Big bands, pulse, rhythm, solo, ballad, verse, interlude, tag ending, melody, cover, riff, backing loops, , scratching, unison, melody, cover, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, groove, bass line, harmony.	Style indicators, melody, compose, improvise, cover, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure, dimensions of music, producer, groove, hook, riff, solo, improvise/improvisation, by ear, melody, riff, ostinato, phrases, unison.

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Musical instruments	Maracas Castanets Glockenspiel Shakers Tambourines Tambours Drum Claves	Bass guitar, drums, decks, keyboard, percussion, trumpets, saxophones	Keyboard, drums, bass, electric guitar, saxophone, trumpet, glockenspiel.	Drums, guitar, keyboard, synthesizer, electric guitar, organ.	Keyboard, electric guitar, drums, digital/electronic sounds, turntables, synthesizers, piano, organ, acoustic guitar, percussion.	Strings, piano, guitar, bass, drums, synthesizer, deck, brass section.	Strings, piano, guitar, bass, drums, synthesizer, deck, brass section.
Musical genre and history	Religious celebration music (Christmas, Easter) Nursery rhymes	Blues, Baroque, Latin, Irish Folk, Funk, Pop, Reggae, Hip-Hop, Big Band.	Big Band, Motown, Elvis, Rock, Reggae. Rap, South African styles.	Motown, Soul, Disco, R'n'B, Classical, Reggae, Disco.	ABBA, Grime, Classical, Bhangra, Tango, Latin fusion, Gospel, Civil rights, racism, equality.	Pop Ballads, Rap, Rock Bossa Nova Swing Old-school Hip Hop, Funk, Soul, Motown.	Neo Soul, Motown, Blues Jazz, Urban Gospel Civil rights, gender equality, harmony.