The Discovery School KS2 Music Progression of Knowledge and Skills Year 3 – Year 6

Key to understanding this document:

Black = National Curriculum objectives Blue = Knowledge Red = Skills Green = Resources

At The Discovery School we understand the importance of our children knowing more, remembering more and doing more. With this in mind, we teach the children the knowledge they require, ensuring they have opportunities for the retrieval of knowledge and the chance to apply new skills during their learning.

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Area of learning	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Children should be taught to:	Children should be taught to:	Children should be taught to:	Children should be taught to:
Model Music Curriculum	Demonstrate good singing posture.	Demonstrate good singing posture.	Sing a broad range of songs from	Sing a broad range of songs,
(MMC) Key Area: Singing		2.2	an extended repertoire with a	including those that involve
	Copy back simple melodic phrases	Rehearse and learn songs from	sense of ensemble and	s yncopated rhythms, as part of a
NC Objective: Perform in solo	using the voice.	memory and/or with notation.	performance.	choir, with a sense of ensemble and performance.
and ensemble contexts, using	Sing songs from memory and/or	Sing expressively, with attention to	When singing, observe phrasing,	the same of the sa
their voices with increasing	from notation.	phrasing, staccato and legato	accurate pitching, dynamics,	When singing, observe rhythm,
accuracy, fluency, control and		(short and long sounds), vowels,	articulation and appropriate style.	breathing and phrasing, accurate
expression.	Sing with aware ness of following	blended sounds, and consonants.	The state of the s	pitching, dynamics, articulation
	the beat.		Sing in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4 and 6/8 time.	and appropriate style.
	A17	Sing 'on pitch' and 'in time'		
	Begin to understand the		Sing three-part rounds, partner	Sing in 2/4, 4/4, 3/4, 5/4 and 6/8
	importance of pronouncing the	Sing in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4.	songs, and songs with a verse and	time.
	words in a song well and sing		a chorus.	
	expressively, with attention to the	Sing rounds and partner songs in		Continue to sing three- and four-
	meaning of the words.	different time signatures (2, 3 and	Sing a second or harmony part in a	part rounds (e.g. Calypso by Jan
	(3)	4 time) (e.g. Our Dustbin) and	song.	Holdstock) or partner songs, and
	Sing a widening range of unison	begin to sing repertoire with small	- L	experiment with positioning
	s ongs of varying styles and	and large leaps as well as a simple	Self-correct if lost or out of time.	singers randomly within the group
	structures with a pitch range of do-	second part to introduce vocal	The state of the s	– i.e. no longer in discrete parts –
	so (e.g. Extreme Weather),	harmony (e.g. Hear the Wind).	Respond to a leader or conductor.	in order to develop greater
	tunefully and with expression.		7 7 5	listening skills, balance between
		Sing as part of a choir with	Talk about the different styles of	parts and vocal independence.
	Perform forte and piano (loud and	awareness of size: the larger, the	singing used for different styles of	
	soft).		song.	

		thicker and richer the musical		Sing with and without an
	Walk, move or clap a steady be at	texture.	Perform a range of songs in school	accompaniment (acapella).
	with others, changing the speed of	13.7	as semblies and in school	
	the beat as the tempo of the music	Continue to sing a broad range of	performance opportunities.	Sing syncopated (offbeat) melodic
	changes.	unison songs with the range of an		patterns.
		octave (do-do) (e.g. One More		
	Understand and follow the leader	Day—a traditional sea shanty)		Lead a singing rehearsal.
	or conductor.	pitching the voice accurately and	110	
	V T.	following directions for getting		Talk about the different styles of
	Perform actions confidently and in	louder (crescendo) and quieter		singing used for the different
	time to a range of action songs (e.g.	(decrescendo).		styles of songs learnt throughout
	Heads and Shoulders).			the year.
	Perform as a choir/ensemble in	13 10 10 10 10 1		Perform a range of songs as a
	s chool assemblies or events.			choirin s chool assemblies, school
		1 2 2 2 2		performance opportunities and to
	- AV			a wider audience.
MMC Key Area: Listening	Share thoughts and feelings about	Talk about the words of a song and	Talk about feelings created by the	Talk about feelings created by the
,	music together.	think about why the song was	song and justify a personal opinion	song and justify a personal opinion
NC Objective: Listen with	Sec 1	written.	with reference to musical	using musical concepts and
attention to detail and recall	Find the beat or pulse of the music.		concepts.	vocabulary.
		Find and demonstrate the steady	_	
sounds with increasing aural	Invent different actions to move in	beat.	Find and demonstrate the steady	Identify and join in with 2/4, 4/4,
memory.	time with the music.		beat.	3/4, 6/8 and 5/4 metre.
		Identify 2/4, 3/4, and 4/4 metre.		
NC Objective: Appreciate and	Talk about what the song means.	Martin Company	Identify 2/4, 3/4, 6/8 and 5/4	Identify the musical style of a song
understand a wide range of	Identify some instruments they can	Identify the tempo as fast, slow, or	metre.	using some musical vocabulary to
high-quality live and recorded	hear playing.	steady.		discuss its musical concepts.
music drawn from different	W		Identify the musical style of a	
traditions and from great	Talk about the style of the songs.	Recognise the style of music and	song.	Identify the following instruments
composers and musicians.		discuss the structures of songs.		by ear and through a range of
,	Develops hared knowledge and		Identify instruments by ear.	media: bass, electric guitar,
NC Objective: Develop an	understanding of the stories,	Identify: Call and response; a solo		percussion, sections of the
understanding of the history of	origins, traditions, history and	vocal or instrumental line and the	Discuss the structure of the music	orches tra such as brass, woodwind
	social context of the music they are	rest of the ensemble; a change in	with reference to verse, chorus,	and strings, steel pans, congas,
music.	listening to, singing and playing.	texture; articulation on certain	bridge, call and response, repeat	pianos, synthesizers and vocal
		words; what the main theme is and	signs, chorus and final chorus,	techniques such as cackles.
	Listen to recorded performances	when it is repeated, musical	improvisation and AB.	5: 11
	and experience live music making	introductions.	20.000	Discuss the structure of the music
	in and out of school. (e.g. Music at		Explain a bridge passage and its	with reference to verse, chorus,
	Mallingconcert).	Recall by ear memorable phrases	position in a song.	bridge and an instrumental break.
		heard in the music.	the music.	

	Begin to describe the different purposes of music throughout his tory and in other cultures.	Identify major and minor tonality. Recognise the sound and notes of the pentatonic scale by ear.	Recognise the sound and notes of the pentatonic and blues scales by ear and from notation.	Identify major and minor tonality, triads I, IV and V, and intervals within a major scale.
		Describe legato and staccato. Recognise the following styles and any important musical features	Explain the role of a main theme in musical structure. Know and understand what a musical introduction is and its	Know and understand what a musical 'intro' and 'outro' is and describe its purpose.
	Se de la constant de	that distinguish the style: Disco, Funk, Hip Hop, Calypso, Folk, Mariachi, Gospel, Pop, Rock, Sea Shanty, Salsa, Reggae.	purpose. Recognise the following styles and any key musical features that distinguish the style: Folk, Pop, Gospel, Klezmer, Sea Shanty, Funk, Rap and Musicals	Identify the sound of a Gospel choir and soloist, Rock band, symphony orchestra and a cappella groups.
MMC Key Area: Composing	Improvise	Improvise	Improvise	Improvise
NC Objective: Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the interrelated dimensions of music.	Become more skilled in improvising (using voices, tuned and untuned percussion and instruments), inventing short 'on-the-spot' responses using a limited noterange within a major scale: CDE,	Improvise on a limited range of pitches within a major scale using the notes: CDE CDEGA CDEFG	Improvise freely over a drone, developing sense of shape and character, using tuned percussion and melodic instruments. Explore improvisation within a	Extend improvisation skills through working in small groups to: Create music with multiple sections that include repetition and contrast.
	CDEGA, GAB, GABDE, FGA	D E F#A B	majors cale using the notes:	
NC Objective: Use and understand staff and other musical notations.	Structure musical i deas (e.g. using echo or question and answer	D E F G A Make use of musical features	C D E b F G C D E F G C D E G A	Use chord changes as part of an improvised sequence.
	phrases) to create music that has a beginning, middle and end.	includings mooth (legato) and detached (staccato).	F G A B b C D E F G A	Extend improvised melodies beyond 8 beats over a fixed groove, creating a satisfying
	Compose in response to different stimuli, (e.g. stories, verse, images, paintings and photographs) and musical sources. Compose Combine known rhythmic notation with letter names to create rising and falling phrases using just three notes (do, re and mi). Compose song accompaniments on	Begin to make compositional decisions about the overall structure of improvisations. Compose Combine known rhythmic notation with letter names to create short pentatonic phrases using a limited range of 5 pitches (e.g. do, re, mi fa soh) or suitable for the instruments being learnt.	Improvise over a simple groove, responding to the beat, creating a satisfying melodic shape; experiment with using a wider range of dynamics, including very loud (fortissimo), very quiet (pianissimo), moderately loud (mezzo forte), and moderately quiet (mezzo piano). Compose Compose Compose melodies made from	melodic shape. Explore improvisation within a major scale using the notes: C D E F G G A B b C D G A B C D F G A C D Compose Plan and compose an 8- or 16-beat melodic phrase using the
	untuned percussion using known rhythms and note values.	110	pairs of phrases in either C major	pentatonic scale (e.g. C, D, E, G, A)

	Explore ways of representing high and low sounds, long and short sounds, symbols, and any appropriate means of notation. Read and begin to understand the differences between minims, crotchets, and quavers.	Sing and play these phrases as self-standing compositions. Arrange individual notation cards of known note values (i.e. minim, crotchet, crotchet rest and paired quavers) to create sequences of 2-, 3- or 4-beat phrases, a rranged into bars. Explore developing knowledge of musical components by composing music to create a specific mood, (for example creating music to accompany a short film clip). Begin to understand major and minor chords. Capture and record creative ideas using either graphic symbols, rhythm notation and begin to use time signatures, staff notation or technology. Read and begin to use minims, crotchets, and quavers.	or A minor or a key suitable for the instrument chosen. These melodies can be enhanced with rhythmic or chordal accompaniment. Working in pairs, compose a short ternary piece (ABA structure). Use chords to compose music to evoke a specific atmosphere, mood or environment, accompany a silent film or to set a scene in a playor book. For example, La Mer by Debussy and The River Flows In You by Yiruma both evoke images of water. Capture and record creative ideas using graphic symbols and rhythm notation and develop use of time signatures, staff notation and technology. Read and develop use of minims, crotchets, quavers and dotted quavers.	and incorporate rhythmic variety and interest. Play and notate the composed melody. Compose melodies made from pairs of phrases in either G major or E minor or a key suitable for the instrument chosen and enhance with rhythmic or chordal accompaniment. Compose a ternary piece; use available musics oftware/apps to create and record it, discussing how musical contrasts are achieved. Read and use standard notation to include using dotted crotchets, crotchets, semiquavers, quavers, dotted minims, minims and semibreves.
MMC Key Area: Performing	Instrumental Performance Rehearse and learn to play a simple	Instrumental Performance Develop facility in the basic skills of	Instrumental Performance Play melodies on tuned	Instrumental Performance Playa melody following staff
NC Objective: Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression. NC Objective: Use and understand staff and other musical notations.	melodic instrumental part by ear. Develop facility in playing tuned percussion or a melodic instrument such as the recorder. Play and perform melodies following staff notation using a small range (e.g. Middle C–E/domi) as a whole class or in small groups (e.g. trios and quartets).	a selected musical instrument (ukulele) over a sustained learning period. Play and perform melodies following staff notation using a small range (e.g. Middle C–G/do–so) as a whole-dass or in small groups. Perform in two or more parts (e.g. melody and a ccompaniment or a duet) from simple notation using	percussion, melodic instruments or keyboards, following staff notation written on one stave and using notes within the Middle C-C'/do-do range. This should initially be done as a whole class with greater independence gained each lesson through smaller group performance. Understand how triads are formed (e.g. CEG), and play the mon tuned	notation written on one stave and using notes within an octave range (do-do); make decisions about dynamic range, including very loud (fff), very quiet (pp), moderately loud (mf) and moderately quiet (mp). Accompany a melody using block chords or a bass line. (This could be done using keyboards, tuned percussion or tablets, or

Practise, rehearse and share a song that has been learned in the lesson, from memory, or with notation and with confidence.

Include any actions, instrumental parts /improvisatory ideas/ composed passages within the rehearsal and in the performance.

Talk about what the song means and why it was chosen to share.

Reflect on feelings about sharing and performing eg. excitement, nerves, enjoyment.

Use listening skills to correctly order phrases using dot notation, showing different arrangements of notes (e.g. C-D-E/do-re-mi)

Individually (solo) copy stepwise melodic phrases with accuracy at different speeds; allegro and adagio (fast and slow).

Reading Notation

Learn to read music during recorder lessons.

Begin to understand the stave, lines and spaces, and clef and time signature.

Understand the differences between crotchets and paired quavers.

Use dot notation to show higher or lower pitch.

instruments played in whole class teaching (e.g. ukulele or recorder).

Identify static and moving parts.

Copy short melodic phrases including those using the pentatonic scale (e.g. C, D, E, G, A).

Talk about what the difference between rehearsals and Performances.

Understand how individual parts fit within the larger group ensemble.

Reflect on the performance and how well it suited the occasion.

Reading Notation

Learn to read music during ukulele lessons.

Identify the stave, treble clefand time signature.

Understand the differences between minims, crotchets, paired quavers and rests.

Read and perform pitch notation within a defined range (e.g. C–G/do–so).

Follow and perform simple rhythmics cores to a steady beat: maintain individual parts accurately within the rhythmic texture, achieving a sense of ensemble.

percussion, melodic instruments or keyboards.

Perform simple, chordal accompaniments to familiar songs (e.g. Yellow Submarine by The Beatles).

Perform a range of repertoire pieces and arrangements combining a coustic instruments to form mixed ensembles.

Develop the skill of playing by ear on tuned instruments, copying longer phrases and familiar melodies.

Discuss and talk musically a bout the strengths and weaknesses of Performance.

Reading Notation

Further understand the differences between semibre ves, minims, crotchets and crotchet rests, paired quavers and semiquavers.

Identify the stave and symbols such as the trebleclef, the name of the notes on lines and in spaces, barlines.

Understand the differences between 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4 time signatures.

Read and perform pitch notation within an octave (e.g. C–C'/do–do).

Read and play short rhythmic phrases at sight from prepared

demonstrated at the board using an online keyboard).

Engage with others through ensemble playing taking on melody or accompaniment roles. The accompaniment, if instrumental, could be chords or a single-note bass line.

Collect feedback from the audience and reflect how future performances might be different.

Discuss how the performance might change if it was repeated in a larger/smaller performance space.

Reading Notation

Further understand the differences between semibreves, minims, crotchets, quavers and semiquavers, and their equivalent rests.

Identify the stave and symbols such as the trebleclef, the name of the notes on lines and in spaces, barlines, a flat sign and a sharp sign.

Further develop the skills to read and perform pitch notation within an octave (e.g. C-C/do-do).

Read and play confidently from rhythm notation cards and rhythmic scores in up to 4 parts that contain known rhythms and note durations.

	Apply word chants to rhythms, understanding how to link each syllable to one musical note.	1	cards, using conventional symbols for known rhythms and note durations.	Read and play from notation a four-bar phrase, confidently identifying note names and durations.
Key vocabulary for revision:	Year Two:	t, slow, loud, quiet. pitch, high, low, loud, s oft, long, s hort, p		and, verse, chorus.
Key vocabulary for progression to be taught:	Melody, phrase, echo, forte (loud), piano (soft), allegro (fast), adagio (slow), solo, unison, conductor, perform, compose, symbols, stave, clef, time signature, minim.	Phrasing, staccato (short/detached), legato (smooth), part, harmony, 2-part round, octave, crescendo (getting louder), decrescendo (getting quieter), major, minor, pentatonic, texture, improvise, structure, treble clef, graphic symbols, tuned/un-tuned instruments.	Repertoire, 3-part round, bridge, metre, theme, blues scale, triad, chord, ternary (ABA), accompaniment, very loud (fortissimo), very quiet (pianissimo), moderately loud (mezzo forte), and moderately quiet (mezzo piano), semiquaver, crotchet rest, semibreve, percussion/melodic instruments.	Articulation, breathing, 4-part round, a capella, syncopated, intro, outro, instrumental break, tonality, interval, rhythmic/chordal accompaniment, flat, sharp, key, block chords, bass line, dotted crotchets, dotted minims.
General resources:	Charanga, Sing Up, <i>recorders</i> , a range of tuned and untuned instruments.	Charanga, Sing Up, ukuleles, a range of tuned and untuned instruments.	Charanga, Sing Up, djembes, keyboards a range oftuned and untuned instruments.	Charanga, Sing Up, glockenspiels, xylophones, keyboards, a range of tuned and untuned instruments.
Suggested resources for singing:	Good repertoire for singing in Y3 includes: Sing Up: Heads and Shoulders Singing Sherlock 2: Si, Si, Si Flying a Round: To stop the train Trad. Japan: Kaeru no uta Trad. Morocco: A ram sam sam/Pease Pudding Hot Trad. Bangladesh: Now charia de (A Boatman's Song) Junior Songscape: Listen to the Rain Voicelinks: Extre me Weather Sing Up: Skye Boat Song Trad. Ireland: Be Thou My Vision	Good repertoire for singing in Y4 includes: Junior Voiceworks 1: Calypso Junior Voiceworks 2: Our Dustbin Voiceworks 1: Hear the Wind Kendrick: Servant King Happy Birthday Great Weather Songs: Long Journey Great Celebration Songs: World in Union Sing Up: Just like a Roman Trad. Ghana: Namuma Sing for Pleasure: Ghosts Sing for Pleasure: Lost in Space	Good repertoire for singing in Y5 includes: Trad. Ireland: Danny Boy Kodály: Rocky Mountain Kodály: My Paddle High Low Chickalo Ally Ally O Trad. Caribbean: Four White Horses Trad. Uganda: Dipidu Are You Ready? Row, Row, Rowyour Boat	Good repertoire for singing in Y6 includes: Trad. South Africa: Siyahamba Junior Voiceworks 1: Calypso Sing Up: Touch the Sky Sing Up: Dona Nobis Pacem Sing Up: We are the Champions British National Anthem – God Save the Queen Sing Up: We Go Together Trad. Ghana: Senwa de Dende Sing Up: Be the Change Sing Up: One Moment, One People

	 Junior Voiceworks 1: Now The Sun Is Shining Voiceworks 1: Candle Light Singing Sherlock 2: Shadow Singing Express 3: Mirror Trad. England: Ah! Poor bird/Hey, 			• Sing Up: There's a Power in the Music
	Ho! Nobody home/Rose			
Suggested resources for listening:	Suggested pieces for listening in Y3 include: Western Classical Tradition and Film Hallelujah from Messiah - Handel, Baroque Night on a Bare Mountain - Mussorgsky, Romantic Jai Ho from Slumdog Millionaire - A. R. Rahman, 21st Century Popular Music Funk - I Got You (I Feel Good), James Brown Disco - Le Freak, Chic	Suggested pieces for listening in Y4 include: Western Classical Tradition and Film Symphony No. 5 - Beethoven, Classical O Euchari - Hildegard, Early For the Beauty of the Earth - Rutter, 20th Century Popular Music Jazz - Take the 'A' Train, Billy Strayhorn/Duke Ellington Orchestra 90s Indie - Wonderwall, Oasis Musical Traditions Punjab/UK Bhangra - Bhabiye Akh	Suggested pieces for listening in Y5 include: Western Classical Tradition and Film English Folk Song Suite - Vaughan Williams, 20th Century Symphonic Variations on an African Air - Coleridge-Taylor, 20th Century This Little Babe from Ceremony of Carols - Britten, 20th Century Popular Music 90s Singer/Songwriter - Play Dead, Björk 80s Synth/Pop - Smalltown Boy, Bronski Beat	Suggested pieces for listening in Y6 include: Western Classical Tradition and Film 1812 Overture - Tchaikovsky, Romantic Connect It - Anna Meredith, 21st Century Popular Music 90s RnB - Say My Name, Destiny's Child Musical Traditions Middle East, Folk - Sprinting Gazelle, Reem Kelani England, Folk - Sea Shanties,
	Indian Classical - Sahela Re, Kishori Amonkar	Larr Gayee, Bhujhangy Group Trinidad Calypso - Tropical Bird, Trinidad Steel Band	Musical Traditions Nigeria, Drumming - Jin-Go-La-Ba (Drums of Passion), Babatunde Olatunji South Africa, Choral - Inkanyezi Nezazi, Ladysmith Black Mambazo	Various Artists Poland, Folk - Mazurkas Op. 24 Chopin Argentina, Tango - Libertango, Piazzolla
Suggested resources for composing and performing:	Tuned instruments: Recorders (taught as whole class unit), chime bars, glockenspiels (C D E, C D E G A, G A B, G A B D E, F G A)	Tuned instruments: Ukuleles (taught as whole class unit), chime bars, glockenspiels (C D E, C D E G A, C D E F G, D E F ♯ A B, D E F G A)	Tuned instruments: Keyboards, chime bars, glockenspiels (CDEbFG, CDEFG, CDEFG, CDEFGA)	Tuned instruments: Keyboards, xylophones, chime bars, glockenspiels (CDEFG, GABbCD, GABCD, FGACD)
	Untuned instruments/ classroom percussion: Shakers, claves, wood blocks, maracas, tambours, tambourines, finger bells.	Untuned instruments/ classroom percussion: Shakers, claves, wood blocks, maracas, tambours, tambourines, finger bells.	Untuned instruments/ classroom percussion: Djembes, shakers, claves, wood blocks, maracas, tambours, tambourines, finger bells.	Untuned instruments/ classroom percussion: Djembes, shakers, claves, wood blocks, maracas, tambours, tambourines, finger bells.





Notation cards to represent simple 3 or 4-beat phrases:



Whole Soh-fah scale:



More complex rhythm notation cards:



Glossary: (for teachers)

*For a more comprehensive glossary see the Model Music Curriculum (MMC) Appendix 1

Inter-related dimensions of music:

Pitch - how high or low notes are
Duration - how long notes are
Dynamics - volume/loud and soft
Tempo - pulse/speed of music
Timbre - tone/mood/character of
music

Texture - layers of instruments within music

Structure - how the music is put together

Musical notation - how music is written

General musical terms:

acappella - music for voices only, without accompaniment adagio - a slow tempo allegro - a quick tempo bar - a rhythmic grouping consisting of the number and type of beats indicated by the time signature. Notated with vertical lines on the stave

body percussion - using claps, stamps, slaps and tongue clicks etc. to create rhythmic patterns and sounds

call and response - a question and answer pattern in which a solo voice sings a phrase, and then a group of voices responds by singing something different canon - two or more parts overlapping in exact imitation (as seen in London's burning) chant - rhythmic speech chord - two or more notes played

at the same time

crescendo - getting louder
crotchet - a note worth one beat,
represented by a solid dot with a
stem.

decrescendo - getting softer
interval - the pitch distance
between two notes
intonation - the accurate pitching
of musical notes (good intonation =
being 'in tune')

legato - smoothly played major and minor - often music in major keys or using major scales is referred to as happy with minor meaning sad.

melodic phrase - a musical 'sentence' that makes sense played or sung on its own.

metre - the different groupings of beats, most commonly occurring in 2, 3 and 4 time.

minim - a note worth two beats, represented by a hollow dot with a stem.

octave - the full 8-note range of a scale

pentatonic scale - a five note scale

quaver - a note worth halfa beat (half a crotchet), represented by a solid dot, a stem and a tail. round - a nother name for a

round - a nother name for a canon

rhythm - variable sound patterns
that fit over a steady pulse or
beat: in songs, rhythms are
dictated by the arrangement of
syllables.

scale - a series of notes in as cending or descending order staccato - detached or short notes

time signature - numbers on the staff, located at the start of a piece, that show the number and type of beats in each bar unison - where a group of voices are all singing together at the same pitch

