The Discovery School

KS2 Music Progression of Skills and Knowledge Year 3 – Year 6

Key to understanding this document:

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

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 (MMC) Key Area: Singing	Demonstrate good singing posture.	Demonstrate good singing posture.	Sing a broad range of songs from an extended repertoire with a	Sing a broad range of songs, including those that involve
NC Objective: Perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using	Copy back simple melodic phrases using the voice.	Rehearse and learn songs from memory and/or with notation.	sense of ensemble and performance.	syncopated rhythms, as part of a choir, with a sense of ensemble and performance.
their voices with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression.	Sing songs from memory and/or from notation. Sing with awareness of following the beat.	Sing expressively, with attention to phrasing, staccato and legato (short and long sounds), vowels, blended sounds, and consonants.	When singing, observe phrasing, accurate pitching, dynamics, articulation and appropriate style. Sing in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4 and 6/8 time.	When singing, observe rhythm, breathing and phrasing, accurate pitching, dynamics, articulation and appropriate style.
	Begin to understand the importance of pronouncing the words in a song well and sing	Sing 'on pitch' and 'in time' Sing in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4.	Sing three-part rounds, partner songs, and songs with a verse and a chorus.	Sing in 2/4, 4/4, 3/4, 5/4 and 6/8 time.
	expressively, with attention to the meaning of the words.	Sing rounds and partner songs in different time signatures (2, 3 and 4 time) (e.g. Our Dustbin) and	Sing a second or harmony part in a song.	Continue to sing three- and four- part rounds (e.g. Calypso by Jan Holdstock) or partner songs, and
	Sing a widening range of unison songs of varying styles and structures with a pitch range of do—	begin to sing repertoire with small and large leaps as well as a simple second part to introduce vocal	Self-correct if lost or out of time.	experiment with positioning singers randomly within the group – i.e. no longer in discrete parts –
	so (e.g. Extreme Weather), tunefully and with expression.	harmony (e.g. Hear the Wind). Sing as part of a choir with	Respond to a leader or conductor. Talk about the different styles of	in order to develop greater listening skills, balance between parts and vocal independence.
	Perform forte and piano (loud and soft).	awareness of size: the larger, the thicker and richer the musical texture.	singing used for different styles of song.	Sing with and without an accompaniment (acapella).
	Walk, move or clap a steady beat with others, changing the speed of the beat as the tempo of the music changes.	Continue to sing a broad range of unison songs with the range of an octave (do–do) (e.g. One More Day–a traditional sea shanty)	Perform a range of songs in school assemblies and in school performance opportunities.	Sing syncopated (off beat) melodic patterns. Lead a singing rehearsal.

	Understand and follow the leader or conductor. Perform actions confidently and in time to a range of action songs (e.g. Heads and Shoulders).	pitching the voice accurately and following directions for getting louder (crescendo) and quieter (decrescendo).		Talk about the different styles of singing used for the different styles of songs learnt throughout the year.
	Perform as a choir/ ensemble in school assemblies or events.		10_	Perform a range of songs as a choir in school assemblies, school performance opportunities and to a wider audience.
	Share thoughts and feelings about music together.	Talk about the words of a song and think about why the song was	Talk about feelings created by the song and justify a personal opinion	Talk about feelings created by the song and justify a personal opinion
NC Objective: Listen with	music together.	written.	with reference to musical	using musical concepts and
attention to detail and recall	Find the beat or pulse of the music.		concepts.	vocabulary.
mamary	Invent different actions to move in time with the music.	Find and demonstrate the steady beat.	Find and demonstrate the steady beat.	Identify and join in with 2/4, 4/4, 3/4, 6/8 and 5/4 metre.
NC Objective: Appreciate and		Identify 2/4, 3/4, and 4/4 metre.	11 115 2/4 2/4 5/2 15/4	
understand a wide range of	Talk about what the song means. Identify some instruments they can hear playing.	Identify the tempo as fast, slow, or steady.	Identify 2/4, 3/4, 6/8 and 5/4 metre.	Identify the musical style of a song using some musical vocabulary to discuss its musical concepts.
music drawn from different	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Sidas,.	Identify the musical style of a	also also its interest consequen
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.	Develop shared knowledge and	discuss the structures of songs.	Identify instruments by ear.	by ear and through a range of media: bass, electric guitar,
	understanding of the stories,	Identify: Call and response; a solo	identity instruments by ear.	percussion, sections of the
	origins, traditions, history and	vocal or instrumental line and the	Discuss the structure of the music	orchestra such as brass, woodwind
5 , , ,	social context of the music they are listening to, singing and playing.	rest of the ensemble; a change in texture; articulation on certain	with reference to verse, chorus, bridge, call and response, repeat	and strings, steel pans, congas, pianos, synthesizers and vocal
	Listen to recorded performances	words; what the main theme is and when it is repeated, musical	signs, chorus and final chorus, improvisation and AB.	techniques such as cackles.
	and experience live music making	introductions.	improvisation and AB.	Discuss the structure of the music
	in and out of school. (e.g. Music at Malling concert).	Recall by ear memorable phrases	Explain a bridge passage and its position in a song.	with reference to verse, chorus, bridge and an instrumental break.
	Begin to describe the different	heard in the music.	the music.	Identify major and minor tonality,
	purposes of music throughout history and in other cultures.	Identify major and minor tonality.	Recognise the sound and notes of the pentatonic and blues scales by	triads I, IV and V, and intervals within a major scale.
	, 1 1 21 31 31 31 31	Recognise the sound and notes of	ear and from notation.	
		the pentatonic scale by ear.		Know and understand what a
		Describe legato and staccato.	Explain the role of a main theme in musical structure.	musical 'intro' and 'outro' is and describe its purpose.

		Recognise the following styles and any important musical features that distinguish the style: Disco, Funk, Hip Hop, Calypso, Folk, Mariachi, Gospel, Pop, Rock, Sea Shanty, Salsa, Reggae.	Know and understand what a musical introduction is and its 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
	Become more skilled in improvising	Improvise on a limited range of	Improvise freely over a drone,	Extend improvisation skills
NC Objective: Improvise and	(using voices, tuned and untuned	pitches within a major scale	developing sense of shape and	through working in small groups
compose music for a range of	percussion and instruments),	using the notes:	character, using tuned percussion	to:
ourposes using the inter-	inventing short 'on-the-spot'	CDE	and melodic instruments.	Create music with multiple
related dimensions of music.	responses using a limited note- range within a major scale: CDE,	CDEGA CDEFG	Explore improvisation within a	sections that include repetition and contrast.
· ·	CDEGA, GAB, GABDE, FGA	DEF# AB	major scale using the notes:	and contrast.
NC Objective: Use and	CDEGA, GABDE, I GA	DEFGA	C D Eb F G	Use chord changes as part of an
understand staff and other	Structure musical ideas (e.g. using	DEFGA	CDEFG	improvised sequence.
nusical notations.	echo or question and answer	Make use of musical features	CDEGA	processor out access
	phrases) to create music that has a	including smooth (legato) and	F G A Bb C	Extend improvised melodies
	beginning, middle and end.	detached (staccato).	DEFGA	beyond 8 beats over a fixed
	J1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		BETON	groove, creating a satisfying
	Compose in response to different	Begin to make compositional	Improvise over a simple groove,	melodic shape.
	stimuli, (e.g. stories, verse, images,	decisions about the overall	responding to the beat, creating a	
	paintings and photographs) and	structure of improvisations.	satisfying melodic shape;	Explore improvisation within a
	musical sources.		experiment with using a wider	major scale using the notes:
	20-7	Compose	range of dynamics, including very	CDEFG
	Compose	Combine known rhythmic notation	loud (fortissimo), very quiet	G A Bb C D
	Combine known rhythmic notation	with letter names to create short	(pianissimo), moderately loud	GABCD
	with letter names to create rising	pentatonic phrases using a limited	(mezzo forte), and moderately	FGACD
	and falling phrases using just three notes (do, re and mi).	range of 5 pitches (e.g. do, re, mi fa	quiet (mezzo piano).	
	notes (do, re and mi).	soh) or suitable for the instruments		Compose Plan and compose an 8- or 16-beat
	Compose song accompaniments on	being learnt.	Compose melodies made from	melodic phrase using the
	untuned percussion using known	Sing and play these phrases as self-	pairs of phrases in either C major	pentatonic scale (e.g. C, D, E, G, A)
	rhythms and note values.	standing compositions.	or A minor or a key suitable for the	and incorporate rhythmic variety
	,	standing compositions.	instrument chosen. These	and interest.
	Explore ways of representing high	Arrange individual notation cards	melodies can be enhanced with	
	and low sounds, long and short	of known note values (i.e. minim,	rhythmic or chordal	Play and notate the composed
	sounds, symbols, and any	crotchet, crotchet rest and paired	accompaniment.	melody.
	appropriate means of notation.	quavers) to create sequences of 2-,		

	Read and begin to understand the differences between minims, crotchets, and quavers.	3- or 4-beat phrases, arranged 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.	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 play or 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.	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 music software/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
	2/1	Read and begin to use minims, crotchets, and quavers.	Read and develop use of minims, crotchets, quavers and dotted quavers.	semibreves.
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.	Instrumental Performance Rehearse and learn to play a simple 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). 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	Instrumental Performance Develop facility in the basic skills of 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-class or in small groups. Perform in two or more parts (e.g. melody and accompaniment or a duet) from simple notation using instruments played in whole class teaching (e.g. ukulele or recorder). Identify static and moving parts.	Instrumental Performance Play melodies on tuned 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 them on tuned percussion, melodic instruments or keyboards. Perform simple, chordal accompaniments to familiar songs (e.g. Yellow Submarine by The Beatles).	Instrumental Performance Play a melody following staff notation written on one stave and using notes within an octave range (do-do); make decisions about dynamic range, including very loud (ff), 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 demonstrated at the board using an online keyboard). Engage with others through ensemble playing taking on melody or accompaniment roles. The accompaniment, if

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.

Apply word chants to rhythms, understanding how to link each syllable to one musical note.

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 clef and 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 rhythmic scores to a steady beat: maintain individual parts accurately within the rhythmic texture, achieving a sense of ensemble.

Perform a range of repertoire pieces and arrangements combining acoustic 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 about the strengths and weaknesses of Performance.

Reading Notation

Further understand the differences between semibreves, minims, crotchets and crotchet rests, paired quavers and semiguavers.

Identify the stave and symbols such as the treble clef, the name of the notes on lines and in spaces, bar lines.

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 cards, using conventional symbols for known rhythms and note durations.

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 treble clef, the name of the notes on lines and in spaces, bar lines, 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.

Read and play from notation a four-bar phrase, confidently identifying note names and durations.

Key vocabulary for revision:	EYFS: Sing, song, chant, rhyme, sound, fast, slow, loud, quiet. Year One: Voice, call, response, beat, rhythm, pitch, high, low, loud, soft, long, short, pattern, mood, instrument, perform. Year Two: Pulse, tempo, getting faster/ slower, getting louder/ softer, symbols, notation, crotchets, quavers, rests, part, round, 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, acapella, 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, recorders, a range of tuned and untuned instruments.	Charanga, Sing Up, <i>ukuleles</i> , a range of tuned and untuned instruments.	Charanga, Sing Up, djembes, keyboards a range of tuned 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: Extreme Weather Sing Up: Skye Boat Song Trad. Ireland: Be Thou My Vision 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, Ho! Nobody home/Rose	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, Row your 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 Sing Up: There's a Power in the Music

Suggested resources for istening:	Suggested pieces for listening in Y3 include:	Suggested pieces for listening in Y4 include:	Suggested pieces for listening in Y5 include:	Suggested pieces for listening in Y6 include:
-	Western Classical Tradition and			
	Film	Film	Film	Film
	Hallelujah from Messiah - Handel,	Symphony No. 5 - Beethoven,	English Folk Song Suite - Vaughan	1812 Overture - Tchaikovsky,
	Baroque	Classical	Williams, 20th Century	Romantic
	Night on a Bare Mountain -	O Euchari - Hildegard, Early	Symphonic Variations on an	Connect It - Anna Meredith, 21st
	Mussorgsky, Romantic	For the Beauty of the Earth -	African Air - Coleridge-Taylor, 20th	Century
	Jai Ho from Slumdog Millionaire -	Rutter, 20th Century	Century	Century
	A. R. Rahman, 21st Century	Ratter, 20th century	This Little Babe from Ceremony of	Popular Music
	A. K. Kalillall, 21st Celluly	Popular Music	Carols - Britten, 20th Century	90s RnB - Say My Name, Destiny's
	Popular Music	Jazz - Take the 'A' Train, Billy	Carois - Britteri, 20th Century	Child
	Funk - I Got You (I Feel Good),	Strayhorn/Duke Ellington Orchestra	Popular Music	Ciliu
	James Brown	90s Indie - Wonderwall, Oasis	90s Singer/Songwriter - Play	Musical Traditions
	Disco - Le Freak, Chic	Jos maie - Worlder Wall, Oasis	Dead, Björk	Middle East, Folk - Sprinting
	Disco - Le Freak, Cilic	Musical Traditions	80s Synth/Pop - Smalltown Boy,	Gazelle, Reem Kelani
	Musical Traditions	Punjab/UK Bhangra - Bhabiye Akh	Bronski Beat	England, Folk - Sea Shanties,
	Indian Classical - Sahela Re, Kishori	Larr Gayee, Bhujhangy Group	bioliski beat	Various Artists
	Amonkar	Trinidad Calypso - Tropical Bird,	Musical Traditions	Poland, Folk - Mazurkas Op. 24
		Trinidad Steel Band	Nigeria, Drumming - Jin-Go-La-Ba	Chopin
		Tillidad Steel Balld	(Drums of Passion), Babatunde	Argentina, Tango - Libertango,
	1900		Olatunji	Piazzolla
	and the second second		South Africa, Choral - Inkanyezi	Flazzolla
	21 (1)		Nezazi, Ladysmith Black Mambazo	
Suggested resources for	Tuned instruments:	Tuned instruments:	Tuned instruments:	Tuned instruments:
composing and performing:	Recorders (taught as whole class	Ukuleles (taught as whole class	Keyboards, chime bars,	Keyboards, xylophones, chime
ompound and personning.	unit), chime bars, glockenspiels (C	unit), chime bars, glockenspiels (C	glockenspiels (C D Eb F G, C D E F	bars, glockenspiels (C D E F G, G A
	D E, C D E G A, G A B, G A B D E, F G	D E, C D E G A, C D E F G, D E F A B,		Bb C D, G A B C D, F G A C D)
	A)		G, CDEGA, FGABbC, DEFGA)	Bb C D, G A B C D, F G A C D)
	A)	DEFGA)		Heterood instruments / slesses om
	Untuned instruments/ classroom	Untuned instruments/ classroom	Untuned instruments/ classroom	Untuned instruments/ classroom percussion:
	percussion:		percussion:	
	Shakers, claves, wood blocks,	percussion:	Djembes, shakers, claves, wood	<i>Djembes,</i> shakers, claves, wood
	maracas, tambours, tambourines,	Shakers, claves, wood blocks,	blocks, maracas, tambours,	blocks, maracas, tambours,
	finger bells.	maracas, tambours, tambourines,	tambourines, finger bells.	tambourines, finger bells.
	finger belis.	finger bells.		
	Dot notation to show higher and	Natation and to provide the	Whole Soh-fah scale:	More complex rhythm notation
	lower pitch:	Notation cards to represent simple		cards:
	lower pitch.	3 or 4-beat phrases:	-0	
		C EEGG A G E	C D E F G A B C	43
			1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8/1	
			Doh Ray Me Fah Soh Lah Te Doh	

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.

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 half a beat (half a crotchet), represented by a solid dot, a stem and a tail.

round - another 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 ascending 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