



Whole School Music Overview

	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Year R	<p>Me!</p> <p>Explore your voice and body through favourite nursery rhymes while finding the pulse and moving to the music.</p>	<p>My Stories</p> <p>Use songs and imagination to tell stories, act out characters, and keep the beat through play.</p>	<p>Everyone!</p> <p>Celebrate family, friends, and people around the world through singing, clapping rhythms, and moving together</p>	<p>Our World</p> <p>Discover the sounds of animals, seasons, and places around us while exploring high and low sounds in songs.</p>	<p>Big Bear Funk</p> <p>Learn to keep a funky beat, play simple patterns, and move creatively to lively funk music.</p>	<p>Reflect, Rewind & Replay</p> <p>Revisit favourite songs and skills from the year, performing with confidence and joy.</p>
Year 1	<p>Unit 1: My Musical Heartbeat</p> <p>Learn to find and keep a steady beat, the heartbeat of music.</p>	<p>Unit 2: Dance, Sing and Play!</p> <p>Explore rhythm and pitch by dancing, singing, and playing sounds of different lengths and heights</p>	<p>Unit 3: Exploring Sounds</p> <p>Discover how high, low, long, short, loud, and quiet sounds combine to make music.</p>	<p>Unit 4: Learning to Listen</p> <p>Develop your listening skills by noticing and feeling the sounds all around you.</p>	<p>Unit 5: Having Fun with Improvisation</p> <p>Create your own rhythms and tunes through fun musical improvisation</p>	<p>Unit 6: Let's Perform Together!</p> <p>Celebrate your learning by performing songs and music together with confidence and joy.</p>
Year 2	<p>Unit 1: Pulse, Rhythm and Pitch</p> <p>Explore how beat, rhythm, and pitch work together in music.</p>	<p>Unit 2: Playing in an Orchestra</p> <p>Discover the instruments of the orchestra and enjoy making music together.</p>	<p>Unit 3: Inventing a Musical</p> <p>Use music to tell stories and express feelings through sound.</p>	<p>Unit 4: Recognising Different Sounds</p> <p>Listen carefully to identify different instruments, voices, and harmonies.</p>	<p>Unit 5: Exploring Improvisation</p> <p>Experiment with short improvisations using just a few notes to create your own music.</p>	<p>Unit 6: Our Big Concert</p> <p>Share what you've learned by planning and performing your own concert.</p>
Year 3	<p>Unit 1: Writing Music Down</p> <p>Learn how rhythm and pitch are written using musical symbols and notes on a staff.</p>	<p>Unit 2: Playing in a Band</p> <p>Enjoy performing together in a band and reading simple musical notation.</p>	<p>Unit 3: Compose Using Your Imagination</p> <p>Use your imagination to create original melodies and sound stories.</p>	<p>Unit 4: More Musical Styles</p> <p>Explore how different musical styles use dynamics and texture to express ideas.</p>	<p>Unit 5: Enjoying Improvisation</p> <p>Improvise within songs, recognising patterns and sections that change or repeat.</p>	<p>Unit 6: Opening Night</p> <p>Perform with confidence, understanding your songs and how they fit into the world of music.</p>
Year 4	<p>Unit 1: Musical Structures</p> <p>Discover how repeating and changing sections create structure in music.</p>	<p>Unit 2: Exploring Feelings When You Play</p> <p>Learn how special effects in music can make words and emotions stand out.</p>	<p>Unit 3: Compose with Your Friends</p> <p>Work together to compose music and explore how melodies return to a 'home' note.</p>	<p>Unit 4: Feelings Through Music</p> <p>Express emotions through changes in volume, speed, and sound in music.</p>	<p>Unit 5: Expression and Improvisation</p> <p>Use dynamics and feeling to make your improvisations more expressive.</p>	<p>Unit 6: The Show Must Go On! Present a confident performance that shares your learning and creativity.</p>



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Year 5	Unit 1: Melody and Harmony in Music Explore how melodies and harmonies work together to create beautiful sounds.	Unit 2: Sing and Play in Different Styles Sing and play in a variety of musical styles, exploring tempo and groove.	Unit 3: Composing and Chords Create music using chords to build interesting accompaniments.	Unit 4: Enjoying Musical Styles Discover how texture and layers of sound make different musical styles unique.	Unit 5: Freedom to Improvise Improvise freely using wider intervals to express yourself through music.	Unit 6: Battle of the Bands! Perform confidently in groups or bands, sharing your music with an audience
Year 6	Unit 1: Music and Technology Explore how music is created using digital tools and live instruments.	Unit 2: Developing Ensemble Skills Strengthen your teamwork, expression, and listening skills when playing together.	Unit 3: Creative Composition Use chords and dynamics to compose exciting, expressive music.	Unit 4: Musical Styles Connect Us Discover how music connects people and cultures across the world.	Unit 5: Improvising with Confidence Improvise confidently using phrasing and dynamics to shape your melodies.	Unit 6: Farewell Tour Celebrate your musical journey with a final performance that reflects your growth and joy.