



Vocabulary Progression 2025-2026
Subject: Music



	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery	Pulse, Rhythm, nursery rhymes, action songs, instruments, share, respond, explore, listen, sing, play, learn, beat, pulse, rhythm, pitch, high / low, long / short, perform, play, stop, move, voice, hands, feet instrument, big sounds / soft sounds / loud sounds / soft / medium / hard, shake, tap, ring.					
Reception	Pulse, rhythm, pitch, nursery rhymes, action songs, instruments, share, respond, explore, listen, sing, play, learn, beat, pulse, rhythm, pitch, high, low, long, short, perform, share, play, stop, move, listen, actions, voice, hands, feet instrument, big sounds, soft sounds, loud sounds, soft sounds, soft, medium, hard, solo, group, shake, tap, ring.			Big Bear Funk Pulse, rhythm, pitch, high sounds, low, sounds, tempo, perform, rap, unison, Funk.		
Year 1	In the Groove Blues, Baroque, Latin, Irish, Folk, Funk, Pulse, Rhythm, Pitch, Compose, Improvise, Perform, Groove		Rhythm in The Way We Walk and Banana Rap Pulse, rhythm, pitch, rap, melody, singers, keyboard, bass, guitar, percussion, trumpets, saxophones, perform		Your Imagination Keyboard, drums, bass, pulse, rhythm, pitch, improvise, compose, perform, audience, imagination	
Year 2	Ho Ho Ho Keyboard, bass, guitar, percussion, trumpets, saxophones, pulse, rhythm, pitch, perform, audience, rap, improvise, dynamics, tempo		I Wanna Play in a Band Keyboard, drums, bass, electric guitar, rock, pulse, rhythm, pitch, improvise, compose, perform, audience, melody, dynamics, tempo		Friendship Song Keyboard, drums, bass, glockenspiel, pulse, rhythm, pitch, improvise, compose, perform, audience, melody, dynamics, tempo	
Year 3	Three Little Birds Introduction, verse, chorus, bass, drums, electric guitar, keyboard, organ, backing vocals, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture structure, compose, improvise, hook, riff, melody, reggae		Dragon Song Keyboard, drums, bass, pentatonic scale, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture structure, compose, improvise, hook, melody		Bringing us together Keyboard, drums, bass, imagination, improvise, compose, disco, pentatonic scale, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture structure, hook, riff, melody	
Year 4	Mamma Mia Keyboard, electric guitar, bass, drums, improvise, compose, melody, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture structure, compose, improvise, hook, riff, melody, solo, pentatonic scale, unison		Glockenspiel 1/ 2 Rhythm patterns, compose, melody, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture structure,		Lean on Me Unison, by ear, notation, improvise, melody, pitch, rhythm, pulse, composition, backing vocal, piano, bass, drums, organ, pulse, rhythm, tempo, dynamics, texture structure, compose, improvise, hook, riff, melody, solo	
Year 5	Classroom Jazz 1 Appraising, Bossa Nova, syncopation, structure, Swing, tune/head, note values, note names, Big bands, improvise, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, riff, hook, solo		Fresh Prince of Bell-Air Old-school Hip Hop, Rap, riff, synthesizer, deck, backing loops, Funk, scratching, unison, melody, compose, improvise, cover, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure		Living On a Prayer Rock, structure, pulse, rhythm, pitch, bridge, backbeat, amplifier, tempo, texture, dynamics, chorus, bridge, riff, hook, improvise, compose	

Year 6	Music and Me Gender, racism, rap, lyrics, turntablist, DJing, producer, Electronic and Acoustic music.	Classroom Jazz 2 Blues, Jazz, improvisation, by ear, melody, compose, improvise, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure, dimensions of music, hook, riff, solo	Happy style indicators, melody, compose, improvise, cover, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure, dimensions of music, neo soul, producer, groove, Motown, hook, riff, solo
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