

The Grange Primary Music Curriculum





Progression of Skills

Listening & Appraising	L	iste	ning	&1	App	raising
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Threshold	Key Stage One	Lower Key Stage Two	Upper Key Stage two
This concept involves appreciating the features and effectiveness of musical elements	 Identify the beat of a tune. Recognise changes in timbre, dynamics and pitch. 	 Use the terms: duration, timbre, pitch, beat, tempo, texture and use of silence to describe music. Evaluate music using musical vocabulary to identify areas of likes and dislikes. Understand layers of sounds and discuss their effect on mood and feelings. 	 Choose from a wide range of musical vocabulary to accurately describe and appraise music including: • pitch• dynamics• tempo• timbre• texture • lyrics and melody • sense of occasion • expressive • solo • rounds • harmonies • accompaniments • drones • cyclic patterns • combination of musical elements • cultural context. Describe how lyrics often reflect the cultural context of music and have social meaning.

Performing				
Threshold	Key Stage One	Lower Key Stage Two	Upper Key Stage two	
This concept involves understanding that music is created to be performed.	• Take part in singing, accurately following the melody	• Sing from memory with accurate pitch.	• Sing or play from memory with confidence.	
	• Follow instructions on how and when to sing or play an instrument.	• Sing in tune.	• Perform solos or as part of an ensemble.	
	 Make and control long and short sounds, using voice and 	• Maintain a simple part within a group.	• Sing or play expressively and in tune.	
	Instruments.Imitate changes in pitch.	 Pronounce words within a song clearly. Show control of voice. 	 Hold a part within a round. Sing a harmony part confidently and accurately. 	
		• Play notes on an instrument with care so that they are clear.	• Sustain a drone or a melodic ostinato to accompany singing.	
		• Perform with control and awareness of others.	• Perform with controlled breathing (voice) and skillful playing (instrument).	

Composing				
Threshold	Key Stage One	Lower Key Stage Two	Upper Key Stage two	
This concept involves appreciating that music is created through a process which has a number of	• Create a sequence of long and short sounds.	Compose and perform melodic songs.	Create songs with verses and a chorus.	
techniques.	• Clap rhythms.	• Use sound to create abstract effects.	• Create rhythmic patterns with an awareness of timbre and duration.	
	• Create a mixture of different sounds (long and short, loud and quiet, high and low).	• Create repeated patterns with a range of instruments.	• Combine a variety of musical devices, including melody, rhythm and chords.	
	• Choose sounds to create an effect.	• Create accompaniments for tunes.	• Thoughtfully select elements for a piece in order to gain a defined	
	• Sequence sounds to create an overall effect.	• Use drones as accompaniments.	effect.	
	• Create short, musical patterns.	• Choose, order, combine and control sounds to create an effect.	• Use drones and melodic ostinato (based on the pentatonic scale).	
	 Create short, rhythmic phrases. Use digital technologies to 		• Convey the relationship between the lyrics and the melody.	
	compose pieces of music.		• Use digital technologies to compose, edit and refine pieces of music.	

Notation				
Threshold	Key Stage One	Lower Key Stage Two	Upper Key Stage two	
This concept involves understanding that compositions need to be understood by others and that there are techniques and a language for communicating them.	•Use symbols to represent a composition and use them to help with a performance.	 Devise non-standard symbols to indicate when to play and rest. Recognise the notes EGBDF and FACE on the musical stave. Recognise the symbols for a minim, crotchet and semibreve and say how many beats they represent. 	 Use the standard musical notation of crotchet, minim and semibreve to indicate how many beats to play. Read and create notes on the musical stave. Understand the purpose of the treble and bass clefs and use them in transcribing compositions. Understand and use the # (sharp) and b (flat) symbols. Use and understand simple time signatures. 	