St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Vocabulary Progression Document

Class 1 Music Vocabulary – Words in **bold** show new vocabulary introduced.

Music vocabulary
EYFS

Exploring sound

voice, voice sounds, sound, instrument, loud, quiet, high, low, squeaky, soft, deep, body sounds, body percussion, sound, tempo, fast, slow, rhythm, beat, instrumental sounds, tempo, fast, quickly, slowly, dynamic, loudly, quietly, environmental sounds, pitch, middle, nature sounds

Celebration music

music, dance, tempo, move, Diwali, celebration, traditional, Hanukkah, Hora, kinnor, harp, flute, Jewish, trumpet, cymbals, tambourine, shofar, Kwanzaa, Africa, culture, call, response, drum, rhythm, beat, instrument, Christmas, Christian, sleigh bells, actions, action songs, voice sounds, body percussion

Music and movement

actions, action songs, sign language, Makaton, deaf, communication, communicating, understand, lyrics, verse, beat, music, heartbeat, pulse, steady, repeat, constant, drum, piece, composer, tempo, fast, moderate, medium, slow, dance, pitch, high, low, sound, whistle, triangle, siren, cello, perform, performance, audience

Musical stories

classical music, pitch, high, low, tempo, fast, slow, dynamic, loud, quiet, musical story, lyrics, melody, character, instrument, song, actions, percussion, compose, perform, performance

Transport

car, boat, train, beat, fast, slow, speed, cruise, rowing, water, symbols, slower, faster, stopping, journey, score

Big band

music, musical instrument, band, sound, shake, tap, bang, strum, jingle, tempo, dynamic, pitch, beat, orchestra, sound, rhythm, beat, conductor, wind, strings, percussion, brass

Music vocabulary
Year 1

Pulse and rhythm (Theme: All about me)

body percussion, chant, clap, copy, drum, instrument, in time, shaker, percussion instrument, perform, play, pulse, rhythm, sing, syllables

Tempo (Theme: Snail and mouse)

Beat, fast, singing voice, slow, speaking voice, warm up.

Musical vocabulary

actions, **celeste, chorus, dynamics,** fast, **graphic score, heartbeat, high,** in time, **layers, low, pitch,** Pulse, rhythm, slow, speed, **structure,** tempo, **texture, timbre, thick, thin, tune, verse**

Timbre and rhythmic patterns (Theme: Fairy Tales)

bassoon, beat, body percussion, **c**hant, clap, **clarinet,** compose, **flute, French horn,** instruments, **oboe, orchestra,** patterns, performance, play, **plot,** pulse, **repeated phrases,** represent, rhythm, **rhythmic pattern, sound, strings,** syllables, timbre, **timpani, voice**

Pitch and tempo (Theme: Superheroes)

accelerando, compose, fast, **features, gradually,** high, low, **note,** pattern, **performance,** pitch, play, **rallentando,** slow, sing, tempo, **theme tune**

Vocal and Body sounds (Theme: By the sea)

body percussion, brass, **conductor,** dynamics, fast, **inspire,** instruments, layer, loud, **mood,** percussion, performance, pitch, quiet, represent, slow, sounds, speed,strings, **vocal sounds, volume, woodwind**

Class 2 Music Vocabulary – Words in **bold** show new vocabulary introduced.

Music vocabulary

Year 2

African call and response song (Theme: Animals)

actions, **backing track**, beat, **call and response,** composition, copy, dynamics, instrument, in time, performance, represent, rhythm, **rhythmic notation**, **Sequence,** sound, structure, tempo, timbre, **vary,** volume

Orchestral instruments (Theme: Traditional Western stories)

actions, brass, characters, clarinet, composition, cymbals, dynamics, **emotion,** French horn, instrumental sounds, **musicians**, oboe, orchestra, **orchestral,** percussion, performing, **sections,** string, **sound effect,** tempo, timbre, **trombone, tuba**, vocals, **woodwind**

Musical me

beat, **composer,** composition, dynamics, emotion, **imitate**, in time, **letter,** melody, **notation,** notes, pattern, performance, pulse, represent, rhythm, sound effects, timbre, tune, volume

Dynamics, timbre, tempo and motifs (Theme: Space)

Accuracy, arrange, atmosphere, brass, **compare,** composer, **contrast,** dynamics, **effect,** emotion, **improvise, inspiration**, **interpretation**, mood, **motif, notate,** orchestra, percussion, rhythm, **sequence, soundscape,** strings, **symbols,** timbre, **visual interpretation, woodwind**

On this island: British songs and sounds

accurately, body percussion, compose, composition, **duration,** dynamics, **folk song,** inspired, inspiration, **inter-related dimensions of music, layered effect, lyrics,** performing, pitch, representing, soundscape, structure, tempo, texture, timbre, **voice percussion**

Myths and legends

beat, **bow, cello,** chorus, compose, composition, dynamics, graphic score, **harpsichord, instrumental,** layers, melody, **notation,** performance, **pluck,** pitch, represent, rhythm, **stave notation,** structure, tempo, texture, thick, thin, timbre, verse, **violin, viola**

Music vocabulary

Year 3

Ballads

ballad, chorus, compose, dynamics, emotions, **ensemble**, facial **expressions, features, fe**elings, instrumentals, lyrics, melody, **nonsense words,** performance, **phrases, poem,** pop songs, rehearse, rhyme, solo, **stanza, story mountain, summarize,** tune, verse, vocabulary, volume

Creating compositions in response to an animation (Theme: Mountains)

atmosphere, compose, composition, dynamics, ensemble, influence, in-time, layers, letter notation, **melodic pattern,** melody, opinion, notation, pitch, **repeated rhythm,** represent, sound effect, soundscape, story, tempo, timbre, tuned percussion, untuned percussion,

Developing singing technique (Theme: The Vikings)

accuracy, backing track, beat, body percussion, call and response, **co-ordinated, crotchet,** discipline, duration, dynamics, in-time,in-tune, layer, lyrics, **key change**, **major key, minim, minor key**, notation, part, pulse, quaver, rehearse, rhythm, rhythmic notation, sound effects, stave notation, tempo, **tension,** tune, vocal warm-up,

Pentatonic melodies and composition (Theme: Chinese New Year)

accuracy, **crescendo, control,** composition, duration, dynamics, expression, features, **fluency, folk music,** glockenspiel, **grid notation, harmony, layered melodies,** letter notation, melody, **musical terminology,** notation, notes, **octaves**, **pentatonic melody, pentatonic scale, phrases, scale**, timbre, tempo, untuned percussion,

Jazz

call and response, **traditional jazz,** improvisation, **jazz, off-beat,** motif, pitch, **ragtime,** rhythm, **scat singing, straight quaver, strung quaver, swung rhythm, swing music, syncopated rhythm, syncopation,** tune,

Traditional instruments and improvisation (Theme: India)

Bollywood, compose, **drone,** dynamics, **harmonium,** improvise, **Indian flute,** lyrics, melodic line, notation, opinion, pitch, repeated rhythm, rhythm, **rag, sarangi, sitar, tabla, tala,** tempo,

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Music vocabulary

Year 4

Body and tuned percussion (Theme: Rainforests)

body percussion, combine, compose, **contrasting rhythms,** dynamics, inspiration, layers, **loop, organisation,** repeated melodies, melody line, pitch, record, rhythm, sections, structure, tempo, texture, tune, tuned percussion

Rock and Roll

bass line, beat, chorus, dynamics, **flat notes, hand jive,** in-time, in-tune, notation, **originate,** pitch, rhythm, rhythmic patterns, **rock and roll,** sections, sequence, **sharp notes,** style, tempo, untuned percussion, verse, vocals, **walking bass line**

Changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics (Theme: Rivers)

a capella, breath control, cue, diction, directing, dynamics, expression, **harmony line,** layer, melody, mood, notation, opinion, **ostinato,** percussion, **in the round,** parts, rhythm, staff notation, tempo, texture, **vocal ostinato**

Haiku, music and performance (Theme: Hanami festival)

composing, **col legno,** descriptive, dynamics, duration, effect, **forte, glissando, haiku,** inspiration, inter-related dimensions of music, melody, **piano,** pitch, **pizzicato,** represent, silent, **sliding pitch,** sound, sound effects, **staccato,** structure, syllable, tempo, texture, timbre, verse, vocabulary

Samba and carnival sounds and instruments (Theme: South America)

agogo, bateria, caixa, carnival, chocalho, composition, crescendo, **cowbell,** dynamics, ensemble, features, **ganza,** influenced, **metronome,** off-beat, percussion, pulse, **repique,** rhythm, **rhythmic break, samba, samba breaks,** structure, **surdo, syncopated rhythms, tamborim,** texture, unison, untuned percussion

Adapting and transposing motifs (Theme: Romans)

backing track, bass line, beat, call and response, compose, **crotchet, dotted minim,** flats, graphic notation, in-time, in-tune, key, **key signature,** loop, lyrics, **minim,** motif, notation, ostinato, pitch, **quavers,** repeating patterns, repetition, rhythm, rhythmic notation, riff, **semibreve,** sharps, tempo, **transpose**, tuned instrument, **vocal warm-ups**

Music vocabulary

Year 5

Composition notation (Theme: Ancient Egypt)

accuracy, backing track, **balance,** composition, control, crotchet, **dotted minim,** ensemble, expression, features, fluency, lyrics, minim, minor key, notation, parts, pitch, **pitch notation,** quaver, repeating, rhythm, semibreve, **sheet music, staff notation, stave,** structure, tempo, tune, tuned percussion, unison, vocal warm-ups

Blues

12-bar blues, ascending scale, backing track, **bar**, bent notes, blues, **blues scale, chord**, convey, **descending scale**, expression, features, flat, improvisation, lyrics, pitch, quavers, scale, sharp, solo, staff notation

South and West Africa

a capella, **break**, call and response, chords, chord progression, **diction, djembe,** duo, dynamics, **eight-beat break**, ensemble, expression, improvisation, major chord, **master drummer,** metronome, performance, **polyrhythms, pronunciation,** pulse, ostinato, rests, rhythm, soloist, syncopation, tempo, tuned percussion, unaccompanied, vocals

Composition to represent the festival of colour (Theme: Holi festival)

dynamics, graphic score, inspiration, layering, mood, pitch, represent, soundtrack, **synesthesia,** tempo, texture, timbre, **visual representation**, vocal sounds

Looping and remixing

accuracy, backbeat, body percussion, **fragment,** layers, loop, looped rhythm, melody, melody line, notation, ostinato, remix, rhythm, riff, structure

Musical theatre

action song, backdrop, book musical, character song, choreographer, composer, **comic opera, costumes, designer, dialogue, director,** duet, ensemble, **hip-hop musical, jukebox musical, librettist, libretto, lyricist, musical director, musical theatre, opera, operetta,** performers, **props, rock musical, scene,** solo, tempo, timbre, **transitions**

Class 4 Music Vocabulary – Words in **bold** show new vocabulary introduced.

Music vocabulary

Year 6

Dynamics, pitch and texture

classical, **characterise,** composition, conductor, depict, dynamics, ensemble, graphic score, improvisation, notation, orchestra, pitch, texture

Songs of World War 2

accuracy, backing track, compare, contrast, **complement**, control, **counter-melody,** diaphragm, dynamics, **era,** expression, features, graphic score, harmony, harmonise, lyrics, melody, melody line, **morale, notate,** octave, parts, performance techniques, phrase, **phrasing,** pitch, purpose, **score, Solfa, Solfa ladder,** tempo

Film music

accelerando, Body percussion, brass, **characteristics**, chords, **chromatics, clashing,** composition, **conversation,** convey, crescendo, descending, dynamics, emotion, **evoke,** features, **imagery,** improvise, **interpret, interval, major, melodic,** melody, **military, minor, modulate**, musical, orchestral, pitch, **polished,** sequence, solo, soundtrack, symbol, **timpani,** tension, texture, **tremolo,** unison, **urgency**

Theme and variations (Theme: Pop Art)

3/4 time, 4/4 time, **accidentals,** body percussion, diaphragm, **legato**, motif, orchestra, percussion, phrases, pitch, pizzicato, pulse, quaver, rhythm, rhythmic elements, section, **semi-quaver,** staccato, tempo, theme, **TIKI-TIKI, TI-TIKI, TIKI-TI, translate, variations**, vocal line, woodwind

Baroque

Baroque, bass clef, bass instrument, canon, counter melody, **counter-subject, fugue, ground bass,** improvise, melodic ostinato, melody, musical structure, opera, ostinato part, pitch, **polyphonic,** oratorio **recitative,** a round, rhythmic ostinato, **sharp note,** staff notation, **subject,** texture

Composing and performing a Leavers' song

allegro, arrangement, backing track, chorus, chord progression, compose, crescendo, **diminuendo,** dynamics, evaluate, forte, **largo**, lyrics, melody, mood, musical features, notation, piano, **poetic structure,** repetitive, rhyme, **ritardando,** tempo, sequence, stave notation, structure, upbeat, verse