

THORNDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL - MODEL MUSIC CURRICULUM PROGRESSION DOCUMENT

Indicative musical features

The first table below sets out indicative musical features (elements) that give language to concepts that pupils have understanding of in sound. Pupils will have experienced them unconsciously in many contexts before, building on their work at Key Stage 1, and their holistic musical experiences across Key Stage 2 will naturally be far wider than this. The second table sets out their progression in knowledge of the constituent parts of musical notation.

	Year 3	Year 4	Years 5 & 6
Rhythm, Metre and Tempo	Downbeats, fast (<i>allegro</i>), slow (<i>adagio</i>), pulse, beat	Getting faster (<i>accelerando</i>), Getting slower (<i>rallentando</i>), Bar, metre	Simple time, compound time, syncopation
Pitch and Melody	High, low, rising, falling; pitch range do–so	Pentatonic scale, major and minor tonality, pitch range do–do	Full diatonic scale in different keys
Structure and Form	Call and response; question phrase, answer phrase, echo, ostinato	Rounds and partner songs, repetition, contrast	Ternary form, verse and chorus form, music with multiple sections
Harmony	Drone	Static, moving	Triads, chord progressions
Texture	Unison, layered, solo	Duet, melody and accompaniment	Music in 3 parts, music in 4 parts
Dynamics and Articulation	Loud (<i>forte</i>), quiet (<i>piano</i>)	Getting louder (<i>crescendo</i>), getting softer (<i>decrescendo</i>); <i>legato</i> (smooth), <i>staccato</i> (detached)	Wider range of dynamics including <i>fortissimo</i> (very loud), <i>pianissimo</i> (very quiet), <i>mezzo forte</i> (moderately loud) and <i>mezzo piano</i> (moderately quiet)
Instruments and Playing Techniques	Instruments used in Foundation Listening	Instruments used in Foundation Listening including playing techniques	Instruments used in Foundation Listening including playing techniques and effects, for example pizzicato (e.g. mysterious) and tremolo (e.g. dark and expectant)

	Year 3	Year 4	Years 5 & 6
Crotchets	✓	✓	✓
Paired quavers	✓	✓	✓
Minims	✓	✓	✓
Semibreves			✓
Semiquavers			✓
Rests		✓	✓
Time signatures 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4			✓
Fast (<i>allegro</i>), slow (<i>adagio</i>)	✓	✓	✓
Getting faster (<i>accelerando</i>), getting slower (<i>rallentando</i>)		✓	✓
Stave, lines and spaces, clef*, reading dot notation	✓ do–me Range of a 3rd	✓ do–so Range of a 5th	✓ do–do' Range of an octave
Loud (<i>forte</i>)	✓	✓	✓
Quiet (<i>piano</i>)	✓	✓	✓
Getting louder (<i>crescendo</i>), Getting softer (<i>decrescendo</i>)		✓	✓

YEAR 5

SINGING

- Sing a broad range of songs from an extended repertoire with a sense of ensemble and performance. This should include observing phrasing, accurate pitching and appropriate style.
- Sing three-part rounds, partner songs, and songs with a *verse* and a *chorus*.
- Perform a range of songs in school assemblies and in school performance opportunities.

Trad. Ireland: Danny Boy
 Kodály: Rocky Mountain
 Kodály: My Paddle
 High Low Chickalo
 Ally Ally O
 Trad. West Indies: Four White Horses
 Trad. Uganda: Dipidu
 Are You Ready?
 Row, Row, Row your Boat

LISTENING

Western Classical Tradition and Film

Title	Composer	Period
English Folk Song Suite ⁵	Vaughan Williams	20th Century
Symphonic Variations on an African Air	Coleridge-Taylor	20th Century
This Little Babe from <i>Ceremony of Carols</i>	Britten	20th Century
Jai Ho from <i>Slumdog Millionaire</i>	A.R. Rahman	21st Century
O Eucharisti	Hildegard	Early
Hallelujah from <i>Messiah</i>	Handel	Baroque
Rondo alla Turca	Mozart	Classical
Symphony No. 5	Beethoven	Classical
Night on a Bare Mountain	Mussorgsky	Romantic
Mars from <i>The Planets</i>	Holst	20th Century
Bolero	Ravel	20th Century
For the Beauty of the Earth	Rutter	20th Century
Night Ferry	Anna Clyne	21st Century

Popular Music

Style	Title	Artist(s)
90s Singer/Songwriter	Play Dead	Björk
80s Synth/Pop	Smalltown Boy	Bronski Beat
Jazz	Take the 'A' Train	Billy Strayhorn/Duke Ellington Orchestra
Rock n Roll	Hound Dog	Elvis Presley
Pop	With A Little Help from My Friends	The Beatles
Funk	I Got You (I Feel Good)	James Brown
Disco	Le Freak	Chic
Art Pop	Wild Man	Kate Bush
90s Indie	Wonderwall	Oasis
Blues	Runaway Blues	Ma Rainey

Musical Traditions

Country	Tradition	Title	Artist/Composer
Nigeria	Drumming	Jin-Go-La-Ba (Drums of Passion)	Babatunde Olatunji
South Africa	Choral	Inkanyezi Nezazi	Ladysmith Black Mambazo
Brazil	Samba	Fanfarras (Cabua-Le-Le)	Sérgio Mendes/Carlínhos Brown
Indonesia	Gamelan	Baris	Gong Kebyar of Peliatan
India	Indian Classical	Sahela Re	Kishori Amonkar
Punjab/UK	Bhangra	Bhabye Akh Larr Gayee	Bhujhangy Group
Trinidad	Calypso	Tropical Bird	Trinidad Steel Band

Songs are saved in Y5 resource folder

<p>COMPOSING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Improvise</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Improvise</i> freely over a drone, developing sense of shape and character, using tuned percussion and melodic instruments. • <i>Improvise</i> over a simple groove, responding to the beat, creating a satisfying melodic shape; experiment with using a wider range of dynamics, including very loud (fortissimo), very quiet (pianissimo), moderately loud (mezzo forte), and moderately quiet (mezzo piano). Continue this process in the composition tasks below. 	
<p>COMPOSING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Compose</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Compose</i> melodies made from pairs of phrases in either C major or A minor or a key suitable for the instrument chosen. These melodies can be enhanced with rhythmic or chordal accompaniment. • Working in pairs, <i>compose</i> a short ternary piece. • Use chords to <i>compose</i> music to evoke a specific atmosphere, mood or environment. For example, La Mer by Debussy and The River Flows In You by Yiruma both evoke images of water. Equally, pupils might create music to accompany a silent film or to set a scene in a play or book. • Capture and record creative ideas using any of: graphic symbols, rhythm notation and time signatures, staff notation, technology. 	

<p>PERFORM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play melodies on tuned percussion, melodic instruments or keyboards, following staff notation written on one staff 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, and play them on tuned percussion, melodic instruments or keyboards. Perform simple, chordal accompaniments to familiar songs (e.g. Yellow Submarine by The Beatles). • Perform a range of repertoire pieces and arrangements combining acoustic instruments to form mixed ensembles, including a school orchestra. • Develop the skill of playing by ear on tuned instruments, copying longer phrases and familiar melodies. 	
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READING NOTATION

- Further understand the differences between *semibreves*, *minims*, *crotchets* and *crotchet rests*, *paired quavers* and *semiquavers*.
- 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.