St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Music curriculum overview and skills progression.

In Reception, the class teacher follows the musical objectives outlined in the EYFS curriculum:

- Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs; Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music.

| Music Year 1 | Feel the Beat | High and Low | Musical storytelling |
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| | Key skills: Move in time to a steady beat Clap/tap to the beat at different tempos Begin to understand the difference between beat and rhythm Use call and response and graphic notation to chant, play and compose simple rhythm patterns. Play rhythmic patterns using simple dynamic changes (loud/quiet). | Recognise the difference between high and low sounds Show this using movement Sing patterns accurately using a range of 2 notes Call and answer and improvisation Play using boomwhackers recognising that a letter represents a specific pitch Play and compose simple, repetitive melodic patterns on glockenspiels | sound effects and or patterns thinking about pitch and dynamics |

| Music Year 2 | Rhythm Time | 1,2 3, 4, 5 – exploring pitch | Carnival of the animals |
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- Use movement and body percussion to move and make sound in time to music
- Use graphic scores to perform simple rhythms and to notate their own composed rhythms.
- Clap in time with a steady beat at different tempos and recognise 2 or 3 time.
- Improvise call and response rhythms.
- Make a connection between dot notation and stick notation.

- Sing songs with a range of 5 notes and accurately pitch a range of 3 notes
- Track pitch movements in music by using hand movements
- Use dot notation to for 3 note phrases to recognise, play and compose simple melodic patterns
- Play glockenspiels with correct technique learning simple and familiar melodies.
- Listen carefully to longer pieces of orchestral music, listening out for specific dimensions of music
- Learn terminology of dimension pitch, dynamics and tempo and follow musical directions to change these during a performance
- Compose music using an animal stimulus, drawing inspiration from Saint-Saen's music and making decisions about pitch, dynamics and tempo

| r | Music Year 3 | <u>Recorder</u> | Chinese Music | <u>Space Music</u> |
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| | | | Key Skills: | Key skills: |
| | | Key Skills: | -Listen to, recognise and learn about the characteristics of | Listen to and appraise longer pieces |
| | | -Learn basic recorder technique | traditional chinese music. | of programmatic classical music, |
| | | -Learn to play notes B, A, G and E on the | -Learn about the pentatonic scale, play melodies using the | answering questions about specific |
| | | recorder and memorise the finger patterns for | notes from this scale and improvise and compose their own | dimensions of music: e.g. pitch, |
| | | these notes. | pentatonic melodies. | dynamics, texture, tempo. |
| | | -Begin to recognise the staff notation for those | -Play as part of a 3 part piece incorporating melody, drone | Play rhythmic ostinatos accurately |
| | | notes and use crotchet, quaver and minim | and rhythmic ostinato. | using words and rhythmic notation |
| | | notation to play melodies with accurate rhythm | -Learn and compose simple repetitive rhythms and play | Play as part of a multiple part piece |
| | | | these in time with music. | including drone, melody and |
| | | melodies on the recorder using notes learnt. | | percussion, following a score |
| | | | | Compose their own programmatic |
| | | | | music, following instructions about |
| | | | | pitch, tempo, texture, dynamics and |
| | | | | timbre. |

| Music Year 4 | Roman Marching music | <u>Ukulele First access</u> | Rivers and Water Music |
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| | Key Skills: -Chant in time with a steady beat and begin to notate word rhythms. - Use texture to create a multiple layer chant (in the style of a round) and in a Samba style. -Learn a melodic ostinato and play this on glockenspiels, incorporating a crescendo (look at symbols for all dynamics) -Compose rhythms and then use these to perform as part of a whole class piece using Rondo form. | -Learn basic ukulele technique including strumming and picking melodiesLearn hand shapes for 4 basic chords C, F, Am and G7 -Learn to pick basic melodies and compose their ownPlay to accompany singing -Learn to understand and read chord diagrams and 'tab' notation. | Key skills -Learn about pitch movement, including moving by step, by leap, ascending and descending -Understand the term ostinato and compose their own -Listen and appraise a long piece of programmatic music responding to questions about pitch, dynamics, tempo, texture and structure and use this as inspiration for their own compositions -Compose a melody moving by step, adding rhythmic notation later and then use this in a longer piece of music with a set structure to represent the stages of the water cycle making conscious decision about pitch, dynamics, tempo and texture. |

| Music Year 5 | <u>Arabian Nights</u> | Garageband covers | <u>Violin</u> |
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| | Key Skills: -Play rhythms accurately reading from notation and use these in a group composition -Learn about dynamic symbols and create a piece of music using a crescendo and diminuendo -Learn about the harmonic minor scale and play melodies and accompaniments using the notes of this scale. | functionsLearn about common musical structures – verse, chorus, brdige -Understand chord progressions and how these from the backing for most popular songs and are | -Learn basic violin technique and how to produce sound with care and control -Learn the 3 initial first position finger patterns (0-1-23) and to play pieces of music using these finger patterns -Start to read musical notation using string and finger markings, and perform pieces |
| | -Compose a 2 part piece of music using notes from the harmonic minor scale in the style of the piece which we just composed | -Using chord progressions and autoplay, compose their own arrangement of a popular | with correct rhythmsCompose a melody for the violin in D major using the notes they have learnt and |

| looking at some examples first to draw out |
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| common patterns and structures. |

| Music Year 6 | <u>Samba</u> | <u>Violin</u> | <u>Jazz and Blues</u> |
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| | -Learn about the genre of Samba and its cultural history and significance. Learn correct playing technique for all types of Samba instrument in the kit, including how to change timbre/mute -Learn about the signals that are used by the leader to control the music and incorporate call and response and starting and stopping signals -Play increasingly complex rhythms including syncopation and maintain their rhythm and the main tempo at the same time as multiple other rhythmsPerform as part of a whole-class Samba band in a full-length song with multiple sections to its structure. | Key Skills: -Learn basic violin technique and how to produce sound with care and control -Learn the 3 initial first position finger patterns (0-1-23) and to play pieces of music using these finger patterns -Start to read musical notation using string and finger markings, potentially progressing on to note names, and perform pieces with correct rhythms and dynamicsCompose a melody for the violin in D major using notes learned looking at some examples first to draw out common patterns and structures. Include dynamics using appropriate symbols and then perform their melody accurately. *Year 6 this year will progress slightly further than year 5 but as this is also their first year learning the violin they will be expected to progress even further in future years (to perhaps finger space 0-12-3 and using slurs and playing scales and arpeggios) | Key Skills: -Learn about the history and origins on Blues and then Jazz. Listen to a range of examples critically and compare them to gain an understanding of key features of the genres. -Focusing on Blues, learn the 12 bar blues chord progression (playing the tonic of each chord) and play this in time with a steady beat. -Play a walking bass line and put this over the top of the chords. -Improvise using a note-set derived from the Blues scale in C. -Look at examples of traditional blues song lyrics and using the rhythmic structure of the Workaday Morning Blues, compose their own verse of lyrics. - Participate in a whole class performance of the Schoolday blues, playing an instrumental part or singing. -Using garageband, create a backing track and then record their own lyrics over the top. |