## DCEPS Music Progression of Skills

|                               | EYFS  | Year 1   | Year 2   | Year 3   | Year 4   | Year 5  | Year 6  |
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| A musician will be able<br>to | In Reception, children will be able to<br>play a range of percussion<br>instruments. Children will be able<br>to sing a range of familiar songs and<br>rhymes. Children will be able to<br>perform in front of an audience. | In Year 1, children will be able to<br>recognise different musical<br>structures e.g. tempo, timbre and<br>rhythm. They are able to clap or<br>tap to the beat and play a few<br>simple notes on the glockenspiel. | In Year 2, children will be able to<br>use their voices expressively and<br>creatively by singing songs and<br>speaking chants and rhymes.<br>Children will play tuned and<br>untuned instruments musically.<br>Children will listen with<br>concentration and understanding<br>to a range of high-quality live and<br>recorded music. Children will<br>experiment with, create, select and<br>combine sounds using the inter-<br>related dimensions of music. | In Year 3, children will be able to<br>read basic musical notation and<br>understand beats in a bar. They will<br>be able to play some tunes on<br>tuned instruments. They will be<br>able to listen and evaluate a piece<br>of music. | In Year 4, children will have learnt<br>to sing songs from a variety of<br>genres and eras. They can<br>accompany the songs using<br>noted and unnoted instruments,<br>including their own compositions. | In year 5, children will have an<br>awareness of different genres of<br>music and know their stylistic<br>differences. They will be able to<br>learn a song and improvise using<br>noted and unnoted instruments. | In Year 6, children can improvise and<br>compose their own music using a<br>variety of instruments. Through their<br>leavers play, they develop their<br>singing skills, practicing harmonies,<br>solos and altering their pitch. |
|                               | To learn that music can touch your feelings.  | To learn how they can enjoy<br>moving to music by dancing,<br>marching, being animals or pop   | To learn how they can enjoy<br>moving to music by dancing,<br>marching, being animals or pop   | To confidently identify and move to the pulse.   | To confidently identify and move to the pulse.   | To identify and move to the pulse with ease.  | To identify and move to the pulse with ease.  |
|                               | To enjoy moving to music by<br>dancing, marching, being animals or<br>Pop stars.  | stars.   | stars.<br>To learn how songs can tell a story  | To think about what the words of a song mean.  | To talk about the musical<br>dimensions working together in<br>the Unit songs e.g. if the song gets  | To think about the message of songs.  | To think about the message of songs.  |
| appraise                      |   |  | or describe an idea.   | To take it in turn to discuss how<br>the song makes them feel.<br>Listen carefully and respectfully to<br>other people's thoughts about the  | louder in the chorus (dynamics).<br>Talk about the music and how it<br>makes them feel.  | To compare two songs in the same<br>style, talking about what stands<br>out musically in each of them,<br>their similarities and differences.   | To compare two songs in the same<br>style, talking about what stands<br>out musically in each of them, their<br>similarities, and differences.  |
| and                           |   |  |  | music.   | Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music.  | Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music.   | Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music.   |
| Listen                        |   |  |  |  | When you talk try to use musical words.  | When you talk try to use musical words.   | Use musical words when talking about the songs.   |
|                               |   |  |  |  |  | To talk about the musical dimensions working together in the Unit songs.  | To talk about the musical<br>dimensions working together in the<br>Unit songs.  |
|                               |   |  |  |  |  | Talk about the music and how it makes you feel.   | Talk about the music and how it<br>makes you feel, using musical<br>language to describe the music.   |

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|               | To sing along with a pre-recorded song and add actions.  | Learn about voices, singing notes of different pitches (high and low).  | Learn about voices singing notes of different pitches (high and low).  | To sing in unison and in simple two-<br>parts.   | To sing in unison and in simple two-<br>parts.  | To sing in unison and to sing backing vocals.   | To sing in unison and to sing backing vocals.   |
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|               | To sing along with the backing track.                    | Learn that they can make different types of sounds with their voices –  | Learn that they can make different types of sounds with their voices –   | To demonstrate a good singing posture.   | To demonstrate a good singing posture.  | To enjoy exploring singing solo.<br>To listen to the group when singing.  | To demonstrate a good singing posture.  |
|               |  | you can rap or say words in rhythm.   | you can rap (spoken word with<br>rhythm).  | To follow a leader when singing.   | To follow a leader when singing.  | To demonstrate a good singing   | To follow a leader when singing.  |
| Singing       | Learn to start and stop singing when following a leader. | Learn to find a comfortable singing   | To enjoy exploring singing solo.   | To enjoy exploring singing solo.   | posture.  | To experience rapping and solo singing.   |   |
|               |  |   | position.  | To sing with awareness of being 'in tune'.   | To sing with awareness of being 'in tune'.  | To follow a leader when singing.  | To listen to each other and be aware  |
| Sil           |  |   | Learn to start and stop singing when following a leader.   | To have an awareness of the pulse  | To re-join the song if lost.  | To experience rapping and solo<br>singing.  | of how you fit into the group.  |
|               |  |   |  | internally when singing.   | To listen to the group when singing.  | To listen to each other and be<br>aware of how you fit into the<br>group.   | To sing with awareness of being 'in tune'.  |
|               |  |   |  |  |   | To sing with awareness of being 'in tune'.  |   |
|               |  | Treat instruments carefully and with respect.   | Treat instruments carefully and with respect.  | To treat instruments carefully and with respect.   | To treat instruments carefully and with respect.  | Play a musical instrument with the<br>correct technique within the<br>context of the Unit song.   | Play a musical instrument with the correct technique within the context of the Unit song.   |
| Playing       |  | Play a tuned instrumental part with<br>the song they perform.<br>Learn to play an instrumental part<br>that matches their musical<br>challenge, using one of the<br>differentiated parts (a one-note<br>part, a simple part, medium part).<br>Listen to and follow musical<br>instructions from a leader. | Learn to play a tuned instrumental<br>part that matches their musical<br>challenge, using one of the<br>differentiated parts (a one-note,<br>simple or medium part).<br>Play the part in time with the<br>steady pulse.<br>Listen to and follow musical<br>instructions from a leader. | <ul> <li>Play any one, or all of four,<br/>differentiated parts on a tuned<br/>instrument – a one-note, simple or<br/>medium part or the melody of the<br/>song) from memory or using<br/>notation.</li> <li>To rehearse and perform their part<br/>within the context of the Unit song.</li> <li>To listen to and follow musical<br/>instructions from a leader.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Play any one, or all four,<br/>differentiated parts on a tuned<br/>instrument – a one-note, simple or<br/>medium part or the melody of the<br/>song from memory or using<br/>notation.</li> <li>To rehearse and perform their part<br/>within the context of the Unit song.</li> <li>To listen to and follow musical<br/>instructions from a leader.</li> <li>To experience leading the playing<br/>by making sure everyone plays in<br/>the playing section of the song.</li> </ul> | context of the Unit song.<br>Select and learn an instrumental<br>part that matches their musical<br>challenge, using one of the<br>differentiated parts – a one-note,<br>simple or medium part or the<br>melody of the song from memory<br>or using notation.<br>To rehearse and perform their part<br>within the context of the Unit song.<br>To listen to and follow musical<br>instructions from a leader.<br>To lead a rehearsal session. | <ul> <li>context of the Unit song.</li> <li>Select and learn an instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts – a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of the song from memory or using notation.</li> <li>To rehearse and perform their part within the context of the Unit song.</li> <li>To listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader.</li> <li>To lead a rehearsal session.</li> </ul> |
|               |  | Listen and clap back, then listen<br>and clap your own answer (rhythms<br>of words).<br>Use voices and instruments, listen  | Listen and clap back, then listen<br>and clap your own answer (rhythms<br>of words).<br>Use voices and instruments, listen   | Listen and copy back using<br>instruments, two different notes.<br>Using your instruments, listen and<br>play your own answer using two  | Listen and copy back using<br>instruments, two different notes.<br>Using your instruments, listen and<br>play your own answer using two   | Improvise using instruments in the<br>context of a song to be performed.<br>Copy back using instruments. Use<br>the three notes.  | Improvise using instruments in the context of a song to be performed.<br>Copy back using instruments. Use the three notes.  |
| ation         |  | and sing back, then listen and play<br>your own answer using one or two   | and sing back, then listen and play your own answer using one or two   | different notes.   | different notes.  | Question and Answer using   | Question and Answer using   |
| visa          |  | notes.  | notes.   | Take it in turns to improvise using three different notes.   | Take it in turns to improvise using three different notes.  | instruments. Use two notes in your answer. Always start on a G.   | instruments. Use three notes in your answer. Always start on a G.   |
| Improvisation |  | Take it in turns to improvise using one or two notes.   | Take it in turns to improvise using one or two notes.  |  |   | Improvise using three notes.  | Improvise using three notes.  |
|               |  |   |  |  |   | Improvise with a feeling for the<br>style of Bossa Nova and<br>Swing using the notes D, E, G, A + B<br>(pentatonic scale/a five-note<br>pattern).   | Improvise with a feeling for the style<br>of Bossa Nova and<br>Swing using the notes D, E, G, A + B<br>(pentatonic scale/a five-note<br>pattern).   |

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|             |                                    | Help to create a simple melody                                 | Help create three simple melodies                              | Help create at least one simple                                | Help create at least one simple                                 | Create simple melodies using up to                                | Create simple melodies using up to                             |
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|             |                                    | using one, two or three notes.                                 | with the Units using one, three or                             | melody using one, three or five                                | melody using one, three or all five                             | five different notes and simple                                   | five different notes and simple                                |
|             |                                    |  | five different notes.  | different notes.   | different notes.  | rhythms that work musically with the style of the Unit song.      | rhythms that work musically with the style of the Unit song.   |
|             |                                    | Learn how the notes of the composition can be written down     | Learn how the notes of the                                     | Plan and create a section of music                             | Plan and create a section of music                              |   |  |
|             |                                    | and changed if necessary.                                      | composition can be written down                                | that can be performed within the                               | that can be performed within the                                | Explain the keynote or home note                                  | Explain the keynote or home note                               |
| Composition |                                    |  | and changed if necessary.                                      | context of the unit song.                                      | context of the unit song.                                       | and the structure of the melody.                                  | and the structure of the melody.                               |
|             |                                    |  |  | Talk about how it was created.                                 | Talk about how it was created.                                  | Listen to and reflect upon the                                    | Listen to and reflect upon the                                 |
|             |                                    |  |  |  |   | developing composition and make                                   | developing composition and make                                |
|             |                                    |  |  | Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make | Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make  | musical decisions about how the<br>melody connects with the song. | musical decisions about how the melody connects with the song. |
|             |                                    |  |  | musical decisions about pulse,                                 | musical decisions about pulse,                                  | melody connects with the song.                                    | melody connects with the song.                                 |
| Ŭ           |                                    |  |  | rhythm, pitch, dynamics and                                    | rhythm, pitch, dynamics and                                     | Record the composition in any way                                 | Record the composition in any way                              |
|             |                                    |  |  | tempo.   | tempo.  | appropriate that recognises the                                   | appropriate that recognises the                                |
|             |                                    |  |  |  |   | connection between sound and                                      | connection between sound and                                   |
|             |                                    |  |  | Record the composition in any way                              | Record the composition in any way                               | symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial                                    | symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial                                 |
|             |                                    |  |  | appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and   | appropriate that recognises the<br>connection between sound and | notation).  | notation).   |
|             |                                    |  |  | symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial                                 | symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial                                  |   |  |
|             |                                    |  |  | notation).   | notation).  |   |  |
|             | Perform any of the nursery rhymes  | Choose a song they have learnt                                 | Choose a song they have learnt                                 | To choose what to perform and                                  | To choose what to perform and                                   | To choose what to perform and                                     | To choose what to perform and                                  |
|             | by singing and adding actions or   | from the Scheme and perform it.                                | from the Scheme and perform it.                                | create a programme.  | create a programme.   | create a programme.   | create a programme.  |
|             | dance.                             | They can add their ideas to the                                | They can add their ideas to the                                | To communicate the meaning of                                  | Present a musical performance                                   | To communicate the meaning of                                     | To communicate the meaning of the                              |
|             | Perform any nursery rhymes or      | performance.   | performance.   | the words and clearly articulate them.                         | designed to capture the audience.                               | the words and clearly articulate them.                            | words and clearly articulate them.                             |
| e<br>S      | songs adding a simple instrumental |  |  | them.  | To communicate the meaning of                                   | them.   | To talk about the venue and how to                             |
| Performance | part.                              | Record the performance and say how they were feeling about it. | Record the performance and say how they were feeling about it. | To talk about the best place to be                             | the words and clearly articulate                                | To talk about the venue and how to                                | use it to best effect.   |
|             | Record the performance to talk     | now they were recting about the                                |  | when performing and how to stand                               | them.   | use it to best effect.  |  |
| Ę           | about.                             |  |  | or sit.  | To talk about the best place to be                              | To record the performance and                                     | To record the performance and compare it to a previous         |
| Per         |                                    |  |  | To record the performance and say                              | when performing and how to stand                                | compare it to a previous  | performance.   |
| -           |                                    |  |  | how they were feeling, what they                               | or sit.   | performance.  |  |
|             |                                    |  |  | were pleased with what they would                              |   |   | To discuss and talk musically about it                         |
|             |                                    |  |  | change and why.  | To record the performance and say                               | -   | - "What went well?" and "It would                              |
|             |                                    |  |  |  | how they were feeling, what they                                | it – "What went well?" and "It                                    | have been even better if?"                                     |
|             |                                    |  |  |  | change and why.   | would have been even better if?"                                  |  |
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