Sing Up Music Unit Overview

Reception Term 1



Term	No. of lessons	Title	Musical focus	Musical learning	Song Bank	Watch and listen
Autumn 1	3	l've got a grumpy face	TimbreBeatPitch contour	 Explore making sound with voices and percussion instruments to create different feelings and moods. Make up new words and actions about different emotions and feelings. Sing with a sense of pitch, following the shape of the melody with voices. Mark the beat of the song with actions. 	I've got a grumpy faceHappy	 Happy (Pharrell Williams) 'The Imperial march' from Star wars (John Williams) 'Dance of the sugar plum fairy' from The nutcracker (Ichaikovsky)
	3	The sorcerer's apprentice	 Musical storytelling Louder/quieter Faster/slower Higher/lower Timbre 	 Explore storytelling elements in the music and create a class story inspired by the piece. Identify and describe contrasts in tempo and dynamics. Begin to use musical terms (louder/quieter, faster/slower, higher/lower). Respond to music in a range of ways e.g. movement, mark making, writing. 	• Alice the camel	 The sorcerer's apprentice (Dukas) Percussion instruments for kids BBC Young Musician 2020 Percussion final Fantasia (Disney animation)
Autumn 2	3	Witch, witch	Call-and- responsePitch (la-so-mi-do)Timbre	 Make up a simple accompaniment using percussion instruments. Use the voice to adopt different roles and characters. Match the pitch of a four-note (la-so-mi-do) call-and-response song. 	• Witch, witch	• <i>Witch, witch</i> teaching video.
	3	Row, row, row your boat	BeatPitch (step/leap)Timbre	 Make up new lyrics and vocal sounds for different kinds of transport. Sing a tune with 'stepping' and 'leaping' notes. Play a steady beat on percussion instruments. 	Row, row, row your boatThe transport song	 Rowing a boat video Row, row, row your boat The transport song

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Reception Term 2



Term	No. of lessons	Title	Musical focus	Musical learning	Song Bank	Watch and listen
Spring 1	3	Birdspotting: Cuckoo polka	 Active listening Beat Pitch (so-mi) Vocal play 	 Explore the range and capabilities of voices through vocal play. Develop a sense of beat by performing actions to music. Develop 'active' listening skills by recognising the 'cuckoo call' in a piece of music. (so-mi). Enjoy moving freely and expressively to music. 		 The blue Danube (Strauss) Various bird song video clips Video clip of the cuckoo echo song Cuckoo polka (Strauss) The lark ascending (Vaughan Williams)
	3	Shake my sillies out	 Timbre Pitch (higher/ lower) Tempo (faster/ slower) Beat 	 Listen to music and show the beat with actions. Sing an action song with changes in speed. Play along with percussion instruments. Create a sound story using instruments to represent different animal sounds/movements. Perform the story as a class 	• Shake my sillies out	 The beat sharing game Video Instrument naming activity Hippobottymus (Steve Smallman & Ada Grey)
Spring 2	3	Up and down	 Pitch contour (rising and falling) 	 Make up new lyrics and accompanying actions. Sing and play a rising and falling melody, following the shape with voices and on tuned percussion. Use appropriate hand actions to mark a changing pitch. 	 Up and down Hickory, dickory, dock 	 Rain is falling down Video Pitch pencils activity Video The lark ascending (Vaughan Williams) Flight of the bumblebee (Rimsky Korsakov)
	3	Five fine bumble bees	 Timbre Tempo Structure (call-and-response) Active listening 	 Improvise a vocal/physical soundscape about minibeasts. Sing in call-and-response and change voices to make a buzzing sound. Play an accompaniment using tuned and untuned percussion and recognise a change in tempo. Listen to a piece of classical music and respond through dance. 	• Five fine bumble bees	 'Overture' to <i>The wasps</i> (Vaughan Williams) Bumblebee warm up video Bees collecting pollen video <i>Mad about minibeasts</i> (Giles Andreas) Animal sounds in other languages

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Reception Term 3



Term	No. of lessons	Title	Musical focus	Musical learning	Song Bank	Watch and listen
Summer 1	3	Down there under the sea	TimbreStructureActive listeningTune moving in stepSoundscape	 Develop a song by composing new words and adding movements and props. Sing a song using a call-and-response structure. Play a call-and-response phrase comprising a short stepping tune (C-D-E) and sea effects on percussion instruments. Listen to a range of sea-related pieces of music and respond with movement. 	• Down there under the sea	 Seaside sounds with instruments Video. Miroirs III - Une barque sur l'ocean (Ravel) Video of sea life swimming in an aquarium
	3	It's oh so quiet!	DynamicsTimbreMusical storytelling	 Improvise music with different instruments, following a conductor and compose music based on characters and stories developed through listening to Beethoven's 5th symphony. Play different instruments with control. Develop listening skills, identifying dynamics (forte, piano, crescendo, and diminuendo) across a range of different musical styles. 	 Pass the secret round Bang my drum 	 It's oh so quiet (Bjork) Symphony No. 5, 1st movement (Beethoven)
Summer 2	3	Slap clap clap	Music in 3-timeBeat	 Compose a three-beat body percussion pattern and perform it to a steady beat. Sing a melody in waltz time and perform the actions. Play a range of percussion instruments (replacing the action words with playing words). Find the beat in a partner clapping game. 	• Slap clap clap	 'Once upon a dream' from Sleeping Beauty Mull of Kintyre (Paul McCartney & Wings)
	3	Bow, bow, bow Belinda	BeatActive listeningAccompaniment	 Invent and perform actions for new verses. Sing a song while performing a sequence of dance steps. Play a two-note accompaniment, marking the pulse on tuned or untuned percussion. Listen to examples of other folk songs from North America. 	• Bow, bow, bow Belinda	• <i>Bow, bow, bow Belinda</i> Teaching video