## Music Whole School Unit Overview and Key Skills Check List (Chris Quigley essentials curriculum)

## **Essential Learning objectives:**

- To perform
- To compose
- To transcribe
- To describe music

## Year 3

National Curriculum Unit	Key skills (to be covered during the year)
Rhythm – the class orchestra	C2 - Use sound to create abstract effects
Use of the rhythm square	T3-Devise non-standard symbols to indicate when to play and rest.
Composing and performing own rhythm sequences. Introduction to	T2 – Recognise the symbols for a minim, crotchet and semibreve
standard notation – the basics of the stave and other musical	and say how many beats they represent
notations	P2- Perform with control and awareness of others.
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The pentatonic scale.	C2 - Compose and perform melodic songs.
Improvise, composing, rehearsing, refining and recording melodies	C2 – Create accompaniments for tunes
using the pentatonic scale on tuned percussion. Singing and listening	C2 - Use drones as accompaniments.
Recorders	D2 Play notes on an instrument so that they are clear
	P2 – Play notes on an instrument so that they are clear T2 – Recognise the notes EGBDF and FACE on the musical stave
Whole class teaching of the recorder. Reading standard notation.	P2 – Perform with control and awareness of others
Playing melodies together.	P2 – Perform with control and awareness of others
Exploring arrangements	P3 – Maintain a simple part within a group
Discussing and exploring different accompaniments in music. Using	C3 – Compose and perform melodic songs
repeated patterns. Creating a radio jingle using voices,	C3 – Choose, order, combine and control sounds to create effect
glockenspiels and percussion	
Singing	P3 – Sing from memory with accurate pitch
	P3- Sing in tune
	P3 – Pronounce words clearly within a song clearly

## Year 4

National Curriculum Unit	Key skills (to be covered during the year)
Rhythm	C2 – Create repeated patterns with a range of instruments
Using the music of Dave Brubeck, learn, listen to, and improvise	T2 – Recognise the symbols for a minim, crotchet and a semibrieve
rhythms. Record using rhythm squares.	and say how many beats they represent
Use of ostinatos and rhythm improvisation	P2 – Perform with control and awareness of others
	D3- Evaluate music using musical vocabulary to identify areas of
	likes and dislikes.
Water Music	D2 – Use the terms: duration, timbre, pitch, beat, tempo, texture and
Listening to programmatic music on water (Handel and Smetana)	use of silence to describe music
Graphic score based on water sounds, performing and composing	D2 – Understand layers of sounds and discuss their effect on mood
	and feelings
	C2 – Use sound to create abstract effects
The Beach at Christchurch	C2 – Use sound to create abstract effects
Collecting sounds for representing the beach. Compose and record.	C2 – Choose, order, combine and control sounds to create an effect.
Group work including leading.	C2 – Use digital technologies to compose pieces of music
	T2- Devise non-standard symbols to indicate when to play and rest.
10 week First Access Samba project led by Soundstorm	P3 – Maintain a simple part within a group
	P3- Perform with control and awareness of others
	C3- Create repeated patterns with a range of instruments
	T3 - Devise non-standard symbols to indicate when to play and rest.
	D2 – Use the terms: duration, timbre, texture, pitch, beat, tempo and
	use of silence to describe music.
Singing	P3 – Sing from memory with accurate pitch
	P3- Sing in tune
	P3 – Pronounce words clearly within a song clearly

Year 5

National Curriculum Unit	Key skills (to be covered during the year)
Jazz in the classroom 1	D3 – Choose from a range of musical vocabulary to accurately
Charanga	describe and appraise music.
To listen to and learn 2 pieces – 3 note bossa and 5 note swing. To	P3 – Perform as part of an ensemble
listen and appraise swing and bossa style pieces. To improvise and	C3 – Create rhythmic patterns with an awareness of timbre and
record their own jazz style melodies using given examples	duration
	T3 – Read notes on the musical stave
Journey into Space	C3 – Thoughtfully select elements for a piece in order to gain a
Sound Sources	defined effect
Collect sound effects and collaborate into a sound picture.	C3 – Use digital technologies to compose, edit and refine pieces of
Rehearse, refine and record	music
Exploring Lyrics and Melody	C3 - Create songs with verses and a chorus
World War 2	C3 – Thoughtfully select elements for a piece in order to gain a
Listening to and exploring music from the 2 <sup>nd</sup> world war era, including	defined effect
dance bands and Glenn Miller. Writing lyrics and composing a	C3 – Use drones and melodic ostinati
melody	C3 – Use digital technologies to compose, edit and refine pieces of
	music.
	T3– Read and create notes on the musical stave
	T3– Understand and use the sharp and flat symbols
	T3 – Use and understand simple time signatures
Music of the Caribbean	P3 – Sing or play from memory with confidence
Listen to different styles from the area. Music using steel pans.	P3 – Sustain a drone or melodic ostinato to accompany
Using the same scale to perform on tuned percussion	P3– Perform with skilful playing
Following a music score and performing.	C3 – Create rhythmic patterns with an awareness of timbre and
	duration
	D3 – Describe how lyrics often reflect the cultural context of music
	and have social meaning
Performing Together	P3– Sing or play from memory with confidence
Performing in groups on tuned and unturned percussion following a	P3 – Sing or play expressively
score. Partner songs	P3 – Sing a harmony part confidently and accurately
	P3 – Perform with controlled breathing and skilful playing
Year 5 Band	P3 – Perform solos or as part of an ensemble
	P3 – Sing or play expressively and in tune

	P3 – Perform with controlled breathing and skilful playing
	T3 – Use the standard musical notation of crotchet, minim and
	semibrieve to indicate how many beats to play
	T3 – Read and create notes on the musical stave
	T3 – Understand the purpose of the treble and bass clefs and use
	them in transcribing compositions
	T3 – Understand and use the sharp and flat symbols
	T3 – Use and understand simple time signatures
Singing	P3 – Sing from memory
	P3 – Sing expressively
	P3 – Hold a part within a round
	P3 – Sing a harmony part confidently and accurately
	P3 - Perform with controlled breathing.

Year 6

National Curriculum Unit	Key skills (to be covered during the year)
Roundabout	P3 – Sing or play from memory with confidence
Exploring rounds and chords used in the accompaniment of rounds.	P3 – Hold a part within a round
Learning to sing in up to 4 part rounds. Perform accompaniments	P3 – Sing a harmony part confidently and accurately
with rounds	P3 – Sustain a drone or a melodic ostinato to accompany singing
	P3 – Perform with controlled breathing and skilful playing
	T3– Understand and use the sharp and flat symbols
The Greeks	C3 – Create rhythmic patterns with an awareness of timbre and
Producing a sound story of Theseus and the minotaur through	duration
singing and composing melodies with accompaniments. Recording	C3 – Thoughtfully select elements for a piece in order to gain a
using graphic scores and standard notation.	defined effect
	C3 – Use digital technologies to compose, edit and refine pieces of
	music
The Blues	C3 – Create songs with verses and a chorus
Compose melodies based on the 12 bar blues, recording using	C3– Create rhythmic patterns with an awareness of timbre and
standard notation. Add accompaniments and record.	duration
	C3 – Combine a variety of musical devices, including melody, rhythm
	and chords
	C3 – Convey the relationship between the lyrics and the melody
	C3 – Use digital technologies to compose, edit and refine pieces of
Courtle Amorrica	music
	T3 – Use the standard musical notation of crotchet, minim and
	semibrieve to indicate how many beats to play.
	T3 – Read and create notes on the musical stave
	T3 – Understand and use the sharp and flat symbols
	D3 – Choose from a wide range of musical vocabulary to accurately
	describe and appraise music
	D3 – Describe how lyrics often reflect the cultural context of music
	and have musical meaning
South America Investigating music of the Mayans through listening and singing.	C3 - Create rhythmic patterns with an awareness of timbre and duration
Instruments of South America.	
monumento di oddin America.	P3– Perform with controlled breathing and skilful playing

	D3– Choose from a wide range of musical vocabulary to accurately describe and appraise music
Musical Processes Sound effects for sound tracks of silent movies and cartoons. Improvise, refine and record. Using graphic notation.	C3 - Create rhythmic patterns with an awareness of timbre and duration C3 - Thoughtfully select elements for a piece in order to gain a defined effect C3 - Use digital technologies to compose, edit and refine pieces of music
Singing	P3 – Sing from memory P3 – Sing expressively P3 – Hold a part within a round P3 – Sing a harmony part confidently and accurately P3 - Perform with controlled breathing.