



## **Skills Ladder**

	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO
INVESTIGATION	Mu1 Use their voices confidently in different ways Mu2 Explore how sounds can be made and changed	Mu11 Select and order sounds within simple structures and sounds in response to given starting points Mu12 Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using interrelated musical dimensions e.g. tempo, pitch Mu13 Represent sounds with symbols
OBSERVATION	Mu3 Recognise how sounds can be made and changed Mu4 Identify the beat in different pieces of music Mu5 Identify long and short sounds in music	Mu14 Play musical instruments with expression and control, listening and observing carefully Mu15 Identify the beat and join in getting faster and slower together Mu16 Recognise and explore how sounds can be organised
APPLICATION	Mu6 Respond appropriately to musical instructions Mu7 Respond verbally and physically to different musical moods Mu8 Create and choose sounds in response to given starting points Mu9 Follow pitch movements with their hands and use high, low and middle voices Mu10 Repeat short, rhythmic and melodic patterns to a given beat	Mu17 Begin to sing in tune with expression and control Mu18 Recall, perform and accompany simple songs, sequences and rhythmic patterns Mu19 Perform long and short sounds in music in response to symbols Mu20 Respond to a range of high-quality live and recorded music







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	YEAR THREE	YEAR FOUR
INVESTIGATION	Mu21 Explore the way sounds can be combined and used expressively Mu22 Improvise repeated patterns Mu23 Compose and perform simple accompaniments recognising different musical elements and how they can be used together to compose music Mu24 Explore sounds using symbols and ICT	Mu30 Explore and extend the ways sounds can be combined and used expressively to convey mood and emotion Mu31 Improvise simple tunes based on the pentatonic scale Mu32 Compose and perform simple melodies recognising different musical elements and how they can be used together to compose music Mu33 Explore, recall and plan sounds using symbols and ICT
OBSERVATION	Mu25 Begin to recognise, recall and perform simple rhythmic patterns Mu26 Recognise and explore different combinations of pitch sounds Mu27 Listen carefully and recognise patterns and increase aural memory	Mu34 Combine several layers of sound, observing the combined effect Mu35 Listen carefully, recognise and use repeated patterns and increase aural memory
APPLICATION	Mu28 Begin to sing in tune expressively with an awareness of beat and rhythm Mu29 Perform with control and awareness of audience	Mu36 Internalise sounds by singing parts of a song 'in their heads' and attempt to play simple melodic phrases by ear Mu37 Perform with awareness of different parts that others are playing or singing







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	YEAR FIVE	YEAR SIX
INVESTIGATION	Mu38 Improvise melodic and rhythmic phrases Mu39 Compose from different starting points by developing ideas within musical structures Mu40 Explore the use of notation and ICT to support creative work	Mu50 Explore the use of notation and ICT to support creative expression
OBSERVATION	Mu41 Suggest improvements to their own and others' work Mu42 Identify the relationship between sounds and how music reflects different intentions Mu43 Describe and compare different kinds of music using key musical vocabulary Mu44 Listen carefully, developing and demonstrating musical understanding	Mu51 Refine and improve their work through evaluation, analysis and comparison, commenting on how intentions have been achieved Mu52 Perform significant parts from memory, with awareness of their own contributions Mu53 Analyse and compare musical features and structures using appropriate musical vocabulary Mu54 Listen carefully, demonstrating musical understanding and increasing aural memory
APPLICATION	Mu45 Perform by ear Mu46 Perform rounds and part songs, maintaining their own part with awareness of how different parts fit together to achieve an overall effect Mu47 Sing songs with increasing control of breathing, posture and sound projection Mu48 Use ICT to change and manipulate sounds Mu49 Compose their own instrumental and vocal music and perform their own and others' compositions	Mu55 Perform solo and lead others from notation Mu56 Subdivide the pulse and identify the metre of different songs through recognising the pattern of strong and weak beats Mu57 Use a variety of notation Mu58 Perform their own and others' compositions in a way that reflects their meaning and intentions