

Music Vocabulary Progression at Grappenhall Heys



Musical Element	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Elements of Music	The Foundational Elements of Music That Build and Deepen Over Time: ● Pulse – the regular heartbeat of the music; the steady beat. ● Rhythm – long and short sounds or patterns that happen over the pulse, the steady beat. ● Pitch – high and low sounds. ● Tempo – the speed of the music – fast, slow or in-between. ● Dynamics – how loud or quiet music is. ● Timbre – all instruments, including voices have a certain sound quality, e.g. the trumpet has a very different sound quality to the violin. ● Texture – layers of sound working together make music very interesting to listen to. ● Structure – every piece of music has a structure, e.g. introduction, verse, chorus, ending							
Vocabulary	pulse, tempo, rhythm, rap, pitch, congo, high sounds, rondo, low sounds, concerto, perform, Funk, unison, groove, phrase, nursery rhyme, boogie, percussion	acoustic, layering, graphic score, accompaniment, musical elements, improvisation, body percussion, notation, composition, call and response, ostinato, texture, chord, phrase, tuned percussion, drone, playing techniques, untuned percussion, duration, score, instrument	tuned percussion, accompaniment, duration, cluster [sounds], tuned/untuned percussion, body percussion, lyrics, conductor, call and response, notation, melodic phrase, drone, programme music, ostinati, improvise, track, list, score, musical elements, round, step movement, pentatonic scale	accompaniment, body percussion, call and response, conductor, duet, duration, improvise, internalise, interval, lyrics, melodic phrase, motif, musical elements, notation, ostinato/ostinati, pentatonic, programme music, score, rest [musical silence], scale, castanets	names of instruments in the classical orchestra, tuned percussion, accompaniment, duration, chord, untuned percussion, body percussion, glockenspiel, composer, call and response, lyrics, sound effects, chord, sequence, notation, melodic pattern, improvisation, orchestration, ostinati, meter [song lines], articulation, score, phrase/phrasing, bass accent, melody instrument, cue, attack, acoustic sound, drone, descant, balance, synthesiser, cyclic pattern, coda, expression [musicality], timpani, decay [of sound], harmony, ensemble, electronic music, melody, glockenspiel, graphic notation, processed sound, Jazz style, layers, round, polyrhythm, prelude, triad, rest, rondo, concerto, sampling, strong beat, word	as Y5 plus: articulation, diction, enunciate, block, 12-bar Blues, Bop/Scat, drum machine, effects processor, film score, special effects, theme, motif, ensemble, bass/treble clef, gamelan, harmony, harmonise, improvise/improvisation, loop, the “offbeat”, syncopation, Folk [music], soundmaker, swing, choreograph, editing, recording studio		

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