

Supportive Assessment Guidance:

Unit 3 Rhythm Year 3

Working at (is able to ...)

- I can play rhythms confidently while maintaining a consistent pulse
- I can demonstrate understanding of the difference between pulse and rhythm whilst performing songs and playing instruments.
- I can take part in a performance, following musical signals and maintain a strong sense of pulse
- I can play rhythms from graphic notation or simple standard notation

Record the names of key children who are working below or above the age related expectations here:

| Working towards (..is not yet able to ..) | Working above (..is confidently able to..) |
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| <p>Indicators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Struggles to copy rhythms aurally or from following notation • Unable to show awareness of others in the group and the leader to follow visual cues • Unable to make the link from stick notation to standard notation | <p>Indicators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads a group, giving musical signals (cues) at appropriate places • Confidently relates graphic notation to simple standard notation • Suggests arrangements of how to perform a piece and improvements |
| <p>Questions to ask yourself / considerations to support your judgements</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have they misunderstood adding up the duration to match 4 beats? • Do they struggle to repeatedly chant words rhythmically? • Are they unable to use musical vocabulary in the correct context? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they consistently apply their knowledge in a variety of contexts? • Do they consider other inter-related dimensions alongside the key focus for that lesson? • Can they justify their musical choices using the age appropriate vocabulary? |

Ways to support

- Pair more able and less able children together so the less able child can shadow the other child
- Do lots of modelling and copycat games
- Spend lots of time chanting single words rhythmically without and then with a backing track
- Give lots of practical opportunities to work with reinforcing stick to standard notation, eg. using PE hoops and laminated crotchet and paired quaver notations to reinforce creating a 4 beat rhythm

Ways to challenge

- Children could make up their own rhythmic arrangements that come in on the off-beat (like the Harry Potter example)
- Children could be encouraged to insert rests into their composition
- Lead body percussion routines for the whole class

