











Aspect	Reception/EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Listening,	Through direct	Recognising and	Recognising timbre	Discussing the	Recognising the use	Recognising and	Discussing musical
appraising and	teaching,	understanding the	changes in music	stylistic features of	and development of	confidently	eras in content,
responding	children will be	difference between	they listen to	different genres,	motifs in music.	discussing the	identifying how
listania sta a	introduced to a	pulse and rhythm.		styles and traditions		stylistic features of	they have
Listening to a	range of simple		Recognising	of music using	Identifying gradual	different genres,	influenced each
range of	music	Understanding that	structural features	musical vocabulary	dynamic and tempo	styles and traditions	other, and
high-quality	vocabulary.	different types of	in music they listen	(Indian, classical,	changes within a	of music using	discussing the
live and	Children are	sounds are called	to.	Chinese, Battle	piece of music	musical vocabulary,	impact of different
recorded	encouraged to	timbres.		Songs, Ballads,		and explaining how	composers on the
music	sing nursery		Listening to and	Jazz).	Recognising and	these have	development of
	rhymes and	Recognising basic	recognising		discussing the	developed over	musical styles.
	songs. Children	tempo, dynamic	instrumentation.	Understanding that	stylistic features of	time (South African,	
	are encouraged	and pitch changes		music from	different genres,	West African,	Recognising and
	to talk about	(faster/slower,	Beginning to use	different parts of	styles and traditions	Musical Theatre,	confidently
	how the music	louder/quieter and	musical vocabulary	the world, and	of music using	Dance Remix,	discussing the
	makes them	higher/lower).	to describe music.	different times,	musical vocabulary	Classical).	stylistic features of
	feel. Children			have different	(Samba, Rock and		music and relating it
	will perform as	Describing the	Identifying melodies	features.	Roll, Blues).	Representing the	to other aspects of
	part of a group.	character, mood, or	that move in steps.			features of a piece	the Arts (pop art,
	Children will be	'story' of music they		Recognising and	Identifying common	of music using	film music).
	encouraged to	listen to, both	Identifying melodies	explaining the	features between	graphic notation,	
	move in time to	verbally and	that move in steps.	changes within a	different genres,	and colours,	Representing
	music.	through movement.		piece of music using	styles and traditions	justifying their	changes in pitch,
				musical vocabulary.	of music.	choices with	dynamics and
	Links to ELG	Describing the				reference to musical	texture using
	Sing a range of	differences		Describing the	Recognising,	vocabulary.	graphic notation,
	well-known	between two pieces		timbre, dynamic,	naming and		justifying their
	nursery rhymes	of music		and textural details	explaining the	Comparing,	choices with
	and songs.			of a piece of music,	effect of the	discussing and	













	Perform songs,	Expressing a basic		both verbally, and	interrelated	evaluating music	reference to musical
	rhymes, poems	opinion about		through movement.	dimensions of	using detailed	vocabulary.
	and stories	music (like/dislike)			music.	musical vocabulary	
	with others,			Beginning to show			Identifying the way
	and – when			an awareness of	Identifying scaled		that features of a
	appropriate try			metre.	dynamics		song can
	to move in time				(crescendo/		complement one
	with music.			Recognising and	decrescendo)		another to create a
				beginning to discuss	within a piece of		coherent overall
				changes within a	music.		effect.
				piece of music.			
					Using musical		Use musical
					vocabulary to		vocabulary correctly
					discuss the purpose		when describing
							and evaluating the
							features of a piece
							of music.
							Evaluating how the
							venue, occasion and
							purpose affects the
							way a piece of
							music sounds
Listening,		Listening to and	Listening to and	Beginning to use	Using musical	Developing	Confidently using
appraising and		repeating short,	repeating a short,	musical vocabulary	vocabulary (related	confidence in using	detailed musical
responding		simple rhythmic	simple melody by	(related to the	to the inter-related	detailed musical	vocabulary (related
		patterns.	ear.	inter-related	dimensions of	vocabulary (related	to the inter-related
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Listening		Listening and	Suggesting	music) when	discussing	dimensions of	music) to discuss
with		responding to other	improvements to	discussing	improvements to	music) to discuss	and evaluate their













attention to	performers by	their own and	improvements to	their own and	and evaluate their	own and others
detail and	playing as part of a	others' work	their own and	others' work.	own and others'	work.
recall sounds	group.		others' work.		work.	
with						
increasing						
aural						
memory						
Composing	Selecting and	Selecting and	Composing a piece	Composing a	Composing a	Improvising
	creating short	creating longer	of music in a given	coherent piece of	detailed piece of	coherently and
Create	sequences of sound	sequences of	style with voices	music in a given	music from a given	creatively within a
sounds and	with voices or	appropriate sounds	and instruments	style with voices,	stimulus with	given style,
music using	instruments to	with voices or	(Battle Song, Indian	bodies and	voices, bodies and	incorporating given
the	represent a given	instruments to	Classical, Jazz,	instruments.	instruments (Remix,	features.
interrelated	idea or character.	represent a given	Swing).		Colours, Stories,	
dimensions		idea or character.		Beginning to	Drama).	Composing a multi-
of music	Combining		Combining	improvise musically		layered piece of
	instrumental and	Successfully	melodies and	within a given style	Improvising	music from a given
	vocal sounds within	combining and	rhythms to	(Blues).	coherently within a	stimulus with
	a given structure.	layering several	compose a multi-		given style.	voices, bodies and
	Creating simple	instrumental and	layered	Developing		instruments.
	melodies using a	vocal patterns	composition in a	melodies using	Combing rhythmic	
	few notes. Choosing	within a given	given style	rhythmic variation,	patterns (ostinato)	Composing an
	dynamics, tempo	structure.	(pentatonic).	transposition,	into a multi-layered	original song,
	and timbre for a			inversion, and	composition using	incorporating lyric
	piece of music.	Creating simple	Using letter name	looping.	all the inter-related	writing, melody
	Creating a simple	melodies from 5 or	and rhythmic		dimensions of music	writing and the
	graphic score to	more notes.	notation (graphic or	Creating a piece of	to add musical	composition of
	represent a		staff), and key	music with at least	interest.	accompanying
	composition.	Choosing	musical vocabulary	four different layers		features, within a
		appropriate				given structure.













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	Beginning to make	dynamics, tempo	to label and record	and a clear	Using staff notation	
	improvements to	and timbre for a	their compositions.	structure.	to record rhythms	Developing
	their work as	piece of music.			and melodies.	melodies using
	suggested by the		Suggesting and	Using letter name,		rhythmic variation,
	teacher.	Using letter name	implementing	graphic and	Selecting, discussing	transposition and
		and graphic notation	improvements to	rhythmic notation	and refining musical	changes in
		to represent the	their own work,	and key musical	choices both alone	dynamics, pitch and
		details of their	using musical	vocabulary to label	and with others,	texture.
		composition.	vocabulary.	and record their	using musical	
			,	compositions.	vocabulary with	Recording own
		Beginning to suggest		'	confidence.	composition using
		improvements to		Suggesting		appropriate forms
		their own work.		improvements to	Suggesting and	of notation and/or
				others work, using	demonstrating	technology and
				musical vocabulary	improvements to	incorporating.
				,	own and others'	Constructively
					work.	critique their own
						and others' work,
						using musical
						vocabulary.
Performing	sing their voices	Using their voices	Singing songs in a	Singing longer	Singing songs in two	Singing songs in two
	expressively to	expressively when	variety of musical	songs in a variety of	or more parts, in a	or more secure
	speak and chant.	singing, including	styles with accuracy	musical styles from	variety of musical	parts from memory,
	Speak and chanc.	the use of basic	and control,	memory, with	styles from	with accuracy,
	Singing short songs	dynamics (loud and	demonstrating	accuracy, control,	memory, with	fluency, control and
	from memory,	quiet).	developing vocal	fluency and a	accuracy, fluency,	expression.
	maintaining the	quict <i>j</i> .	technique.	developing sense of	control and	CAPI ESSIOII.
	overall shape of the	Singing short songs	technique.	expression	expression.	Working as a group
	melody and keeping	from memory, with	Singing and playing	including control of	evhi essivii.	to perform a piece
		ironi inemory, with		including control of		i '
	in time.		in time with peers,			of music, adjusting













	melodic and	with some degree	subtle dynamic	Working as a group	the interrelated
Maintaining the		of accuracy and	•		dimensions of music
•	rhythmic accuracy.	·	changes.	to perform a piece	
pulse (play on the	Camadaalaaaaa	awareness of their	Cincina and planing	of music, adjusting	as required, keeping
beat) using hands	Copying longer	part in the group	Singing and playing	dynamics and pitch	in time with others
and tuned and	rhythmic patterns	performance.	in time with peers,	according to a	and communicating
untuned	on untuned		with accuracy and	graphic score,	with the group.
instruments.	percussion	Performing from	awareness of their	keeping in time with	
	instruments,	basic staff notation,	part in the group	others and	Performing a solo or
Copying back short	keeping a steady	incorporating	performance.	communicating with	taking a leadership
rhythmic and	pulse.	rhythm and pitch		the group.	role within a
melodic phrases on		and be able to	Playing melody		performance.
percussion	Performing	identify these	parts on tuned	Performing with	
instruments.	expressively using	symbols using	instruments with	accuracy and	Performing with
	dynamics and	musical	accuracy and	fluency from	accuracy and
Responding to	timbre to alter	terminology.	control and	graphic and simple	fluency from
simple musical	sounds as		developing	staff notation.	graphic and staff
instructions such as	appropriate.		instrumental	Playing a simple	notation and from
tempo and dynamic			technique.	chord progression	their own notation.
changes as part of a	Singing back short			with accuracy and	
class performance.	melodic patterns by		Playing syncopated	fluency.	Performing by
Performing from	ear and playing		rhythms with	,	following a
graphic notation.	short melodic		accuracy, control		conductor's cues
8. 46	patterns from letter		and fluency.		and directions.
	notation.				
	notation.		Playing simple		
			chord sequences		
			(12 bar blues).		
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