

Music Overview 2023-24

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery	Singing known songs	Exploring untuned instruments. Percussion to support phonics	Body Percussion	Body percussion	Tuned instruments – chime bars	Exploring found sounds
Reception	Beat (pulse) and rhythm Charanga unit: Me (focus – action and counting songs)	Long and short notes (Duration) ⇒ ctd	High and low notes (pitch)	Loud and quiet sounds (dynamics) Space themed music – Holst, advertising music	Tuned instruments – chime bars Zootime (Charanga freestyle)	Exploring tuned and untuned instruments. Consolidate pulse/duration/pitch
Year 1	Charanga Unit: Hey You Focus: Rap music (rhythm and pulse), names and sounds of instruments	Charanga unit ctd KS1 Nativity – learn, rehearse, perform songs	Tempo and dynamics Charanga Unit Spring 1 – Exploring Sounds	Pulse/rhythm/pitch Charanga unit Spring 2 – Learning to Listen	Tuned instruments – chime bars/glockenspiels	Explore sound and create a story (Charanga Summer 2 – Let's Perform Together!)
Year 2	Exploring simple patterns Charanga Unit Autumn 1 – Pulse, rhythm and pitch	KS1 Nativity – learn, rehearse, perform songs – including some solo/small group and instruments	Dynamics/tempo Charanga Unit Spring 1 – Inventing a musical story	Charanga unit Spring 2 – Recognising different sounds	Tuned instruments - recorders	Charanga unit Summer 1 – Exploring improvisation
Year 3	Developing notation skills	Enjoying improvisation.	Charanga Unit Spring 2 (original scheme) – Dragon Song	Composition Unit – Pentatonic scale (pitch)	Tuned instruments - recorders	Charanga unit Spring 2 – More Musical Styles

	Charanga unit Autumn 1 – Writing Music Down	Charanga unit Autumn 2 – Playing in a band	Music from different cultures			
Year 4	Time signatures Charanga unit Autumn 1 – Musical Structures	Combining elements to make music Charanga unit Autumn 2 – Exploring feelings when you play	Composition inspired by art (collaboration with WMH and Walsall Art Gallery)	Charanga freestyle – Vikings Learning songs that support History unit.	Tuned instruments - recorders	Developing pulse and groove through improvisation Charanga Unit Spring 1 – Feelings Through Music
Year 5	Composition using Music Lab app, based on Scott Joplin	Features of rap music (pulse, rhythm etc) Charanga Unit Spring 2 (original)– Fresh Prince of Bel Air	Space – BBC Radio Workshop	Key and time signatures Charanga unit Autumn 1 – Melody and Harmony in Music	Tuned instruments - recorders	KS2 Production – learn, rehearse, perform songs
Year 6	Active listening – varied genres and styles	Notation and composition unit – using time signatures, bars, pitch, note length, formal notation)	Words, meaning and expression Charanga unit Yr 5 Summer 1 – Freedom to improvise	Introducing chords Charanga unit Year 6 Spring 1 – Creative composition	Tuned instruments ukuleles	KS2 production – learn. Rehearse, perform songs inc. solo/small group/harmony singing.