

Crawley Ridge Junior School Skills Progression Music

By the end of Key Stage 2 pupils should be taught to sing and play musically with increasing confidence and control. They should develop an understanding of musical composition, organising and manipulating ideas within musical structures and reproducing sounds from aural memory. A high quality music education should engage and inspire pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, and so increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement. As pupils progress, they should develop a critical engagement with music, allowing them to compose, and to listen with discrimination to the best in the musical canon.

Pupils should be taught to:

- play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression.
- improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music.
- listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory.
- use and understand staff and other musical notations.
- appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians.
- develop an understanding of the history of music.

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Themes	Three Little Birds	Mamma Mia!		Wartime songs
	Vivaldi's Four Seasons	Glockenspiel		
	Recorder	Stop!		
	Let Your Spirit Fly	Lean on Me		
		Blackbird		
Listening	Recognise changes in the music	Describe how a piece of music	Explain how different musical	Identify and explore the
	using words such as 'pitch',	makes them feel, making an	elements (pitch, tempo,	relationship between sounds
	'timbre', 'dynamics' and	attempt to explain why. Recall	rhythm, melody and dynamics)	and how different meanings
	'tempo'	sounds with increasing aural	have been used to create mood	can be expressed through
		memory	and effects	sounds and music
Composing	Use standard and invented	Shape composition, conserving	Improvise and notate musical	Compose a piece of music
	symbols to represent sounds	dynamics, timbre and tempo	phrases to develop	based on a theme
			compositions	



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Vocabulary	Use relevant musical vocabulary	Describe, compare and evaluate	Use musical vocabulary to	Describe how music can be
	when talking about the	different kinds of music, suing	explain some of the reasons	used to create expressive
	elements of music in a piece	appropriate musical vocabulary	why a piece might have been	effects and convey emotion
			composed	
Performing	Perform own part with	Perform significant parts from	Maintain own part in a	Take the lead in performances
	increased control or accuracy	memory and from notation,	performance with confidence,	and provide suggestions to
	when singing or playing both	either on a musical instrument	accuracy and awareness of	others
	tuned and untuned instruments	or vocally	what others are playing	
Singing	Sing songs confidently both solo	Maintain a simple part in an	Maintain a more complex part	Identify how sounds can be
	and in groups	ensemble	within an ensemble (e.g. sing in	combined and used
			a round or harmony)	expressively, layering sounds
				and singing in time with other
				performers
Pulse and	Create and repeat extended	Create and repeat extended	Create simple rhythmic	Create complex rhythmic
Rhythm	rhythmic patterns, vocally or by	rhythmic patterns using a range	patterns with an awareness of	patterns using a variety of
	using clapping	of percussion and tuned	timbre (quality of sound) and	instrumentation with an
		instruments	duration (length of notes and	awareness of timbre and
			intervals)	duration
Notation	Use written symbols both	Follow a basic melody line,	Perform from simple notation	Use/ understand staff and use
	standard and invented to	using standard notation	on tuned/ untuned instruments	unconventional notation when
	represent sound			composing
Appreciation	Compare and contrast two	Appreciate and listen to music	Appreciate and understand high	Listen to and comment on the
and	pieces of music on the same	drawn from different traditions,	quality music, both live and	work of musicians and
Understanding	theme. Listen to music from	cultures and composers	recorded. Recognise and	composers, indicating own
	different periods in history		describe music and musical	preferences. Explain the
			instruments from different	influence of historical events on
			periods in history	music