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I am a performer	I can play my instruments safely and pick them up and put them down quietly I can sit or stand to perform I can remain quiet whilst waiting for a turn I can watch and follow the leader's signals	I can sit silently with an instrument I can perform to people I don't know I can respond to the needs of different performing locations I can practice and refine performances in groups and as a class	I can perform as part of a team I can carry on if I make a mistake I can change the way music is performed to reflect occasion I can perform by ear and by using forms of notation	I can play confidently to a variety of audiences I can play in an ensemble, taking an individual part and showing an awareness of balance I can lead a group by counting in, beating time etc I can recover from mistakes in a performance
I am a composer	I can take turns at pattern making I can put my sounds together with someone else's	I can choose and order sounds and patterns I can compose in a small group with other children	I understand that composers think and plan, make music and try to make it better I can both be in charge of a group, and take directions when working on a composition	I can bear in mind the purpose of a piece and the ability of the players I can plan a composition, alone or in a group, and monitor its development
I am a listener	I can use non-verbal methods to describe how music makes me feel – e.g. using face cards to describe music that makes me feel happy or sad I can respond to music with movement, e.g. stomp, tiptoe, walk, run	I can describe music and express my feelings about the mood of music through words or pictures I can respond to instructions given musically, using my body and instruments I can listen and respond to a specific question about a piece of music, e.g. identify chorus I can listen to other people perform with increasing discernment saying what I like and dislike about the piece	I can listen to short extracts commentating on aspects of the music, e.g. the genre I can listen to a piece several times in order to get to know it I can be a good audience member, showing willingness to listen, concentrate and respond I can listen and comment on music from different historical periods, displaying increasing understanding of the factors that have influenced the development of different genres over time e.g. role of the slave trade in bringing African rhythms to the west.	I can listen to longer extracts and describe using knowledge of interrelated dimensions of music I can listen for small details within a dense structure I can compare music of contrasting styles and genres using appropriate vocabulary I can identify or suggest purposes for musical extracts





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I am a	I understand that different	I can suggest changes to	I can suggest improvements to	I can suggest and implement
reviewer	instruments produce different sounds I can use non-verbal methods to show my opinion e.g. thumbs up or down	performances by using the opposites (faster/slower, louder/quieter, higher/lower)	group compositions, using the appropriate vocabulary I can use an extended musical vocabulary to express personal taste	improvements to compositions and performances, saying whether the changes have worked in achieving the intended effect and why/not
I am a	I can use my voice in different	I can use internalization (the	I can sing songs with a more	I can maintain my own part with
singer	ways e.g. whispering, speaking, singing, thinking I can use big, clear mouth shapes to form words I have begun to find my singing voice, both on my own and with others I can sing a repertoire of chants and 2 and 3 tone songs from memory	thinking voice) with some accuracy and control I can sing with an awareness of pitch and phrase, following the shape of melody I can set a starting pitch for a song I can sing with good posture and breathing	complicated texture e.g. partner songs and 2 part rounds I can sing in tune with expression (using dynamics, phrasing) I can perform a song both on my own and as part of a group, to an audience, with increasing confidence.	accurate pitch whilst hearing other parts I can sing confidently to a variety of audiences in different types of venue (e.g. outside, in a large hall) I can demonstrate control of vocal techniques - breathing, posture, good tuning and diction
Texture	I can perform simple accompaniments to a melody	I can layer patterns together I can decide on combinations of sound for a particular task	I can use texture for special effects I can recognise ensembles – orchestra, choir, etc	I can unpick a texture to recognise instruments in the background, middle or foreground I can build a texture in my compositions to create an effect
Duration	I can differentiate between long and short sounds I can keep a steady pulse and play at different speeds	I can control changes in duration with my voice and instruments – longer/shorter sounds I can copy a simple rhythm I can differentiate between pulse and rhythm I can use a rhythmic ostinato to accompany a song	I can tap a pulse in different metres (2, 3, 4, 5) I can improvise a rhythm over a steady pulse	I can perform and compose more complicated rhythms, aurally and from notations I can understand the music is given character by the use of metre and rhythm patterns, and select them as appropriate in my compositions





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Pitch	I can differentiate between	I can control changes in pitch with	I can explore and create melodies	I can understand and use chords
	high and low sounds	my voice and instruments –	that use steps and leaps and a	in sequences
(3)	I can show changes in pitch	higher/lower	wider range of notes	I can use an octave to compose
	using tuned percussion e.g.	I can create and perform simple	I can show an understanding of	and improvise melodies
1	steps, slides, jumps	melodies using two tones on a	scales in my compositions and	I can understand that particular
		tuned instrument	performances, e.g. pentatonic,	sets of notes give music its
			blues, Raga	characteristic sound – e.g. minor
			I understand the concept of, and	chords for sad music, major for
			use, the 'home note' when	happy
			composing	
Timbre	I can explore sounds and	I can differentiate between metal,	I can select a sound or instrument	I can create music that uses
	classify sound makers e.g.	wood, tuned and un-tuned	to achieve an effect, e.g. quiet	appropriate sounds to achieve an
	shake, tap, scrape	instruments	playing on chime bars to create	intention, e.g. creating a sea
	I can choose sounds to	I can choose sounds to represent	something peaceful	sounds cape
	accompany a song or story	ideas (e.g. shakers for leaves	I can identify families of	I can select appropriate sounds to
		falling off a tree)	instruments and world	achieve an effect for a purpose,
		I can accompany songs with	instruments, e.g. wind, brass,	e.g. strong beat on drum for
		thought to the meaning/mood	African drums	dance music
Tempo	I can differentiate between	I can control changes in tempo	I can use a range of changes in	I can make an informed choice
	fast and slow	with my body, and instruments,	tempo both gradually and	about tempo in compositions
		e.g. faster/slower	suddenly	I can control intended changes of
			I can use tempo for effects	speed and notice unintended
				ones
Dynamics	I can differentiate between	I can control changes in dynamics	I can change dynamics gradually	I can choose appropriate
	loud and quiet sounds	with my voice and instruments,	or abruptly	dynamics and dynamic changes
		e.g. louder/quieter	I can use dynamics to improve the	for occasion and venue
		I can choose appropriate	quality of my compositions	I can use dynamics in ensembles
		dynamics for songs and	I can understand and make use of	to show balance and prominence
		accompaniment	Italian terms – f, p, mf, mp,	of parts
			crescendo, diminuendo	





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Structure	I can start and stop when playing with others	I can understand that a piece of music is made up of different sections, e.g. beginning, ending, verse, chorus	I can explore and compose using simple structures e.g. binary, rondo, question and answer I can create my own ostinati and riffs (rhythmic and melodic) and play them in time with others	I can make decisions about how best to structure a piece of music I can manipulate sounds and loops to create a composition
Notation	I can use pictures to represent and organize sounds I can write / draw patterns to represent long and short sounds I can use words / pictures to create rhythm patterns	I can perform sounds (including pitch and rhythm) from a simple graphic score, (1 or 2 line) I can use symbols to notate my compositions	I can use a graphic score with a more complex texture I can recognise crotchets, crotchet rests, quavers, minims, semibreves and use them to compose and perform rhythms	I can recognise and use simple staff notation