



Whitegate Primary and Nursery School
Progression Map
Music

Our plan for Music:

At Whitegate, we follow the guidance of the National Curriculum, the Model Music Curriculum and The National Plan for music by drawing on the framework for music progression developed by Nottingham Music Hub. We use the Model Music Curriculum on Get Set 4 Music to deliver and enhance learning. We plan carefully for progression in skills and knowledge from EYFS to Year 6. The core skills in the six areas of music (composing, notation, performance, understanding music, instrumental practice and singing) are revisited yearly in the form of a spiral curriculum, where the depth of knowledge increases throughout our children's school life. We have distinguished between procedural and declarative knowledge to support assessment for learning and summative assessment in music lessons across school.

By the time children leave Whitegate, they are engaged and intrigued by music and understand the range of opportunities that music can give them. They have confidence to perform in front of people whether this be by playing an instrument, singing, or even being part of a presenting ensemble. We offer a wide range of enrichment opportunities as well as exciting and engaging lessons so that no child misses out on uncovering their musical potential.


Children at Whitegate can appreciate a wide range of music and state their opinion of it without dismissing the tastes of others. They are given the opportunity to realise that they have a skill and a talent which can be developed. They build confidence in themselves and leave us with a deep level of musical knowledge.

Key Stage 1 Year 1 – Guidance




Singing

- Sing simple songs, chants and rhymes from memory, singing collectively and at the same pitch, responding to simple visual directions (e.g. stop, start, loud, quiet) and counting in:
- Begin with simple songs with a very small range, mi-so and then slightly wider. Include pentatonic songs:
- Sing a wide range of call and response songs to control vocal pitch and to match the pitch they hear with accuracy:



Listening




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Composing

- Improvise simple vocal chants, using question and answer phrases:
- Create musical sound effects and short sequences of sounds in response to stimuli. Combine to make a story, choosing and playing classroom instruments:
- Understand the difference between creating a rhythm pattern and a pitch pattern:
- Invent, retain and recall rhythm and pitch patterns and perform these for others, taking turns:
- Use music technology, if available, to capture, change and combine sounds.
- Recognise how graphic notation can represent created sounds. Explore and invent own symbols:



Musicianship

Pulse/Beat

- Walk, move or clap a steady beat with others, changing the speed of the beat as the tempo of the music changes:
- Use body percussion, (e.g. clapping, tapping, walking) and classroom percussion (shakers, sticks and blocks, etc.), playing repeated rhythm patterns (ostinati) and short, pitched patterns on tuned instruments (e.g. glockenspiels or chime bars) to maintain a steady beat:
- Respond to the pulse in recorded/live music through movement and dance:

Rhythm

- Perform short copycat rhythm patterns accurately, led by the teacher:
- Perform short repeating rhythm patterns (ostinati) while keeping in time with a steady beat:
- Perform word-pattern chants (e.g. ca-ter-pil-lar crawl, fish and chips); create, retain and perform their own rhythm patterns:

Pitch

- Listen to sounds in the local school environment, comparing high and low sounds:
- Sing familiar songs in both low and high voices and talk about the difference in sound:
- Explore percussion sounds to enhance storytelling:

Follow pictures and symbols to guide singing and playing:



Key Stage 1 Year 1 – Guidance




Key Stage 1 Year 2 – Guidance




Singing

- Sing songs regularly with a pitch range of do-so with increasing vocal control:
- Sing songs with a small pitch range (e.g. Rain, Rain Go Away), pitching accurately:
- Know the meaning of dynamics (loud/quiet) and tempo (fast/slow) and be able to demonstrate these when singing by responding to (a) the leader's directions and (b) visual symbols (e.g. crescendo, decrescendo, pause):

A cartoon illustration of a young boy with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and blue trousers. He has his arms outstretched to the sides, palms facing forward, as if singing or performing.


Listening

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A cartoon illustration of a young girl with brown hair, wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and a blue skirt. She is wearing large blue headphones and has her hands on them, appearing to be listening to music. There are musical notes floating around her.

Composing

- Create music in response to a non-musical stimulus:
- Work with a partner to improvise simple question and answer phrases, to be sung and played on untuned percussion, creating a musical conversation:
- Use graphic symbols, dot notation and stick notation, as appropriate, to keep a record of composed pieces:
- Use music technology, if available, to capture, change and combine sounds.

A cartoon illustration of a young girl wearing a purple hijab, a white short-sleeved shirt, and blue shorts. She is holding a red tambourine with white polka dots. There are musical notes floating around her.

Musicianship

Pulse/Beat

- Understand that the speed of the beat can change, creating a faster or slower pace (tempo):
- Mark the beat of a listening piece by tapping or clapping and recognising tempo as well as changes in tempo.:
- Walk in time to the beat of a piece of music or song. Know the difference between left and right to support coordination and shared movement with others:
- Begin to group beats in twos and threes by tapping knees on the first (strongest) beat and clapping the remaining beats:
- Identify the beat groupings in familiar music that they sing regularly and listen to:

Rhythm

- Play copycat rhythms, copying a leader, and invent rhythms for others to copy on untuned percussion:
- Create rhythms using word phrases as a starting point:
- Read and respond to chanted rhythm patterns, and represent them with stick notation including crotchets, quavers and crotchets rests:
- Create and perform their own chanted rhythm patterns with the same stick notation:

Pitch

- Play a range of singing games based on the cuckoo interval (so-mi) matching voices accurately, supported by a leader playing the melody. The melody could be played on a piano, acoustic instrument or backing track:
- Sing short phrases independently within a singing game or short song:
- Respond independently to pitch changes heard in short melodic phrases, indicating with actions (e.g. stand up/sit down, hands high/hands low):
- Recognise dot notation and match it to 3-note tunes played on tuned percussion:



Key Stage 1 Year 2 – Guidance

Key Stage 2 Year 3 – Guidance



Singing

- Sing a widening range of unison songs of varying styles and structures with a pitch range of do–so, tunefully and with expression. Perform forte and piano, loud and soft.
- Perform actions confidently and in time to a range of action songs. Walk, move or clap a steady beat with others, changing the speed of the beat as the tempo of the music changes.
- Perform as a choir in school assemblies.



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Composing

Improvise

- Become more skilled in improvising (using voices, tuned and untuned percussion and instruments played in whole class/group/individual/instrumental teaching), inventing short ‘on-the-spot’ responses using a limited note-range.
- Structure musical ideas (e.g. using echo or question and answer phrases) to create music that has a beginning, middle and end. Pupils should compose in response to different stimuli, e.g. stories, verse, images (paintings and photographs) and musical sources.



Compose

- Combine known rhythmic notation with letter names to create rising and falling phrases using just three notes.
- Compose song accompaniments on untuned percussion using known rhythms and note values.

Performing

- Develop facility in playing tuned percussion or a melodic instrument such as violin or recorder. Play and perform melodies following staff notation using a small range (e.g. Middle C-E/do-mi) as a whole class or in small groups (e.g. trios and quartets).
- Use listening skills to correctly order phrases using dot notation, showing different arrangements of notes C-D-E/do-re-mi.
- Individually (solo) copy stepwise melodic phrases with accuracy at different speeds; allegro and adagio, fast and slow. Extend to question-and-answer phrases.

Reading Notation

- Introduce the staff, lines and spaces, and clef. Use dot notation to show higher or lower pitch.
- Introduce and understand the differences between crotchets and paired quavers.
- Apply word chants to rhythms, understanding how to link each syllable to one musical note.



Key Stage 2 Year 3 – Guidance




Key Stage 2 Year 4 – Guidance




Singing

- Continue to sing a broad range of unison songs with the range of an octave (do-do) pitching the voice accurately and following directions for getting louder (crescendo) and quieter (decrescendo).
- Sing rounds and partner songs in different time signatures (2, 3 and 4 time) and begin to sing repertoire with small and large leaps as well as a simple second part to introduce vocal harmony.
- Perform a range of songs in school assemblies.



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Composing

Improvise

- Improvise on a limited range of pitches on the instrument they are now learning, making use of musical features including smooth (legato) and detached (staccato).
- Begin to make compositional decisions about the overall structure of improvisations.
Continue this process in the composition tasks below.

Compose

- Combine known rhythmic notation with letter names to create short pentatonic phrases using a limited range of 5 pitches suitable for the instruments being learnt.
- Sing and play these phrases as self-standing compositions.
- Arrange individual notation cards of known note values (i.e. minim, crotchet, crotchet rest and paired quavers) to create sequences of 2-, 3- or 4-beat phrases, arranged into bars.



- Explore developing knowledge of musical components by composing music to create a specific mood, for example creating music to accompany a short film clip.
- Introduce major and minor chords.
- Include instruments played in whole-class/group/individual teaching to expand the scope and range of the sound palette available for composition work.
- Capture and record creative ideas using any of:

- o graphic symbols
- o rhythm notation and time signatures
- o staff notation
- o technology.

Performing

Instrumental Performance

- Develop facility in the basic skills of a selected musical instrument over a sustained learning period. This can be achieved through working closely with your local Music Education Hub who can provide whole-class instrumental teaching programmes.
- Play and perform melodies following staff notation using a small range (e.g. Middle C–G/do–so) as a whole-class or in small groups.
- Perform in two or more parts (e.g. melody and accompaniment or a duet) from simple notation using instruments played in whole class teaching. Identify static and moving parts.
- Copy short melodic phrases including those using the pentatonic scale (e.g. C, D, E, G, A).

Reading Notation

- Introduce and understand the differences between minims, crotchets, paired quavers and rests.
- Read and perform pitch notation within a defined range (e.g. C–G/do–so).
- Follow and perform simple rhythmic scores to a steady beat: maintain individual parts accurately within the rhythmic texture, achieving a sense of ensemble.



Key Stage 2 Year 4 – Guidance

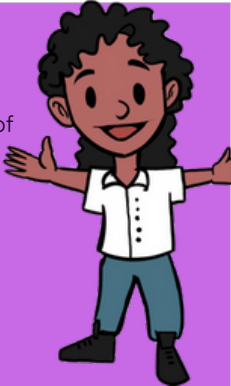


Key Stage 2 Year 5 – Guidance




Singing

- Sing a broad range of songs from an extended repertoire with a sense of ensemble and performance. This should include observing phrasing, accurate pitching and appropriate style.
- Sing three-part rounds, partner songs, and songs with a verse and a chorus.
- Perform a range of songs in school assemblies and in school performance opportunities.



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Composing

Improvise

- Improvise freely over a drone, developing sense of shape and character, using tuned percussion and melodic instruments.
- Improvise over a simple groove, responding to the beat, creating a satisfying melodic shape; experiment with using a wider range of dynamics, including very loud (fortissimo), very quiet (pianissimo), moderately loud (mezzo forte), and moderately quiet (mezzo piano). Continue this process in the composition tasks below.



Compose

- Compose melodies made from pairs of phrases in either C major or A minor or a key suitable for the instrument chosen. These melodies can be enhanced with rhythmic or chordal accompaniment.
- Working in pairs, compose a short ternary piece.
- Use chords to compose music to evoke a specific atmosphere, mood or environment.
- Capture and record creative ideas using any of:
 - o graphic symbols
 - o rhythm notation and time signatures
 - o staff notation
 - o technology.

Performing

Instrumental Performance

Play melodies on tuned percussion, melodic instruments or keyboards, following staff notation written on one staff and using notes within the Middle C-C'/do-do range. This should initially be done as a whole class with greater independence gained each lesson through smaller group performance.

Understand how triads are formed, and play them on tuned percussion, melodic instruments or keyboards. Perform simple, chordal accompaniments to familiar songs.

Perform a range of repertoire pieces and arrangements combining acoustic instruments to form mixed ensembles, including a school orchestra.

Develop the skill of playing by ear on tuned instruments, copying longer phrases and familiar melodies.

Reading Notation

Further understand the differences between semibreves, minims, crotchets and crotchet rests, paired quavers and semiquavers.

Understand the differences between 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4 time signatures.

Read and perform pitch notation within an octave (e.g. C-C'/do-do).

Read and play short rhythmic phrases at sight from prepared cards, using conventional symbols for known rhythms and note durations.



Key Stage 2 Year 5 – Guidance




Key Stage 2 Year 6 – Guidance




Singing

- Sing a broad range of songs, including those that involve syncopated rhythms, as part of a choir, with a sense of ensemble and performance. This should include observing rhythm, phrasing, accurate pitching and appropriate style.
- Continue to sing three- and four-part rounds or partner songs, and experiment with positioning singers randomly within the group – i.e. no longer in discrete parts – in order to develop greater listening skills, balance between parts and vocal independence.
- Perform a range of songs as a choir in school assemblies, school performance opportunities and to a wider audience.



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Composing

Improvise

Extend improvisation skills through working in small groups to:

- Create music with multiple sections that include repetition and contrast.
- Use chord changes as part of an improvised sequence.
- Extend improvised melodies beyond 8 beats over a fixed groove, creating a satisfying melodic shape.



Performing

Instrumental Performance

- Play a melody following staff notation written on one stave and using notes within an octave range (do-do); make decisions about dynamic range, including very loud, very quiet, moderately loud and moderately quiet. **Arctic, WW2, Celebrations, Glockenspiel**
- Accompany this same melody, and others, using block chords or a bass line. This could be done using keyboards, tuned percussion or tablets, or demonstrated at the board using an online keyboard. **Arctic, Garageband, WW2, Celebrations, Reggae, Bandlab (share work with multiple layers) Glockenspiel**
- Engage with others through ensemble playing with pupils taking on melody or accompaniment roles. The accompaniment, if instrumental, could be chords or a single-note bass line. **Reggae, Arctic, WW2, Celebrations, Glockenspiel**

Reading Notation

- Further understand the differences between semibreves, minims, crotchets, quavers and semiquavers, and their equivalent rests. **Electricity, Arctic, Garageband, WW2, Celebrations, Reggae, Glockenspiel**
- Further develop the skills to read and perform pitch notation within an octave (e.g. C-C/ do-do). **Arctic, Garageband, WW2, Celebrations, Reggae, Bandlab, Glockenspiel**
- Read and play confidently from rhythm notation cards and rhythmic scores in up to 4 parts that contain known rhythms and note durations. **Electricity, Celebrations**
- Read and play from notation a four-bar phrase, confidently identifying note names and durations. **Electricity, WW2, Celebrations, Glockenspiel**

Key Stage 2 Year 6 – Guidance

