

Music Vocabulary Overview

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sound, listen, song, nursery rhymes, instruments, percussion, (names of percussion instruments, e.g. tambourine, triangle, drum, maracas, claves, clatterpillar, rain stick, bells, egg shaker etc.), piano, performance, loud, quiet, pulse, fast, slow, high note, low note.	Pulse, rhythm, pitch, rap, improvise, compose, melody, bass guitar, drums, chime bars, singers, keyboard, guitar, percussion, trumpets, saxophones, decks, perform, Hip-Hop, dynamics, <i>piano</i> , <i>forte</i> , Reggae, tempo, Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Irish Folk, Funk, groove, audience, Bossa Nova, imagination, Pop music, orchestra, (some names of orchestral instruments, e.g. violin, flute), Western Classical music, rest.	Keyboard, drums, bass guitar, electric guitars, saxophone, trumpet, guitar, percussion, pulse, rhythm, pitch, improvise, compose, perform, audience, question and answer, melody, Afropop, dynamics, <i>piano</i> , <i>forte</i> , chime bars, rap, tempo, chime bars, Rock music, reggae, Steel pans, beaters, note, tune, microphone, orchestra, (some names of orchestral instruments, e.g. violin, flute), Western Classical music, rest.	Structure, introduction, verse, chorus, improvise, compose, pulse, rhythm, pitch, dynamics, <i>piano</i> , <i>forte</i> , <i>crescendo</i> , <i>diminuendo/decrescendo</i> , tempo, <i>largo/lento</i> , <i>andante</i> , <i>allegro</i> , structure, introduction, verse, chorus, hook, riff, melody, bass guitar, drums, guitar, keyboard, synthesizer, electric guitar, keyboard, organ, backing vocals, hook, RnB, glockenspiel, Western Classical music, Twentieth Century music, Romantic music, orchestra, (some names of orchestral instruments, e.g. violin, flute), treble clef, 4/4 time signature, Steel pans, beaters, note, tune, perform, audience, ensemble, microphone, Reggae, scale, crotchet, minim, disco, texture.	Keyboard, electric guitar, bass drums, improvise, compose, pulse, rhythm, pitch, dynamics, <i>piano</i> , <i>forte</i> , <i>crescendo</i> , <i>diminuendo/decrescendo</i> , tempo, <i>largo/lento</i> , <i>andante</i> , <i>allegro</i> , texture, structure, introduction, verse, chorus, compose, improvise, hook, riff, melody, solo, pentatonic scale, unison, glockenspiels, treble clef, 4/4 time signature, notation, crotchet, minim, dotted minim, semibreve, rhythm patterns, rests, bass clef, Western Classical music, Baroque music, orchestra, (some names of orchestral instruments, e.g. violin, flute), unison, by ear, backing vocal, piano, bass guitar, drums, organ, Gospel, acoustic guitar, percussion, birdsong, civil rights, racism, equality, trumpet, cornet, baritone, valves, bell, mouthpiece, ensemble.	Rock, pulse, rhythm, pitch, structure, introduction, verse, chorus, bridge, riff, hook, interlude, tag ending, backbeat, amplifier, dynamics, <i>pianissimo</i> , <i>piano</i> , <i>mezzo piano</i> , <i>mezzo forte</i> , <i>forte</i> , <i>forte</i> and <i>fortissimo</i> , <i>crescendo</i> , <i>diminuendo/decrescendo</i> , tempo, <i>largo/lento</i> , <i>andante</i> , <i>allegro</i> , <i>accelerando</i> , <i>rallentando/ritardando</i> and <i>A Tempo</i> , texture, structure, timbre, <i>legato</i> , <i>staccato</i> , ensemble, 4/4 time, tablature, chord, compose, improvise, riff, treble clef, 4/4 time signature, stave/staff, crotchet, minim, dotted minim, semibreve, style indicators, cover, dimensions of music, Neo Soul, producer, groove, Motown, hook, solo, scale, harmony, Western Classical music, Baroque music, Classical, Romantic, Twentieth century, orchestra, Samba, timbre, Djembe, drum, slap, bass, note, melody, structure, rests, ensemble, crotchet, quavers, minim, dotted minim, semibreve, performance, audience, ballad, Pop music, strings, piano, guitar, bass, drums, cover, scale, harmony, glockenspiel, Soul, groove, bass line, backbeat, brass section, Motown.	Ukulele, strings, in tune, pluck, strum, fretted note, open note, pulse, rhythm, pitch, note, melody, dynamics, <i>pianissimo</i> , <i>piano</i> , <i>mezzo piano</i> , <i>mezzo forte</i> , <i>forte</i> and <i>fortissimo</i> , <i>crescendo</i> , <i>diminuendo/decrescendo</i> , tempo, <i>largo/lento</i> , <i>andante</i> , <i>allegro</i> , <i>accelerando</i> , <i>rallentando/ritardando</i> and <i>A Tempo</i> , texture, structure, timbre, <i>legato</i> , <i>staccato</i> , ensemble, 4/4 time, tablature, chord, compose, improvise, riff, treble clef, 4/4 time signature, stave/staff, crotchet, minim, dotted minim, semibreve, style indicators, cover, dimensions of music, Neo Soul, producer, groove, Motown, hook, solo, scale, harmony, Western Classical music, Baroque music, Classical, Romantic, Twentieth century, orchestra, (some names of orchestral instruments, e.g. violin, flute), civil rights, gender equality, unison, harmony, racism, rap, lyrics, turntablist, DJing, producer, Electronic and Acoustic music.