Downsway Progression of Skills for Music

We use Charanga Music at Downsway. How the Charanga Scheme is structured:

Each Unit of Work comprises strands of musical learning which correspond with the national curriculum for music:

Listening and Appraising; Musical Activities; Warm-up Games; Optional Flexible Games; Singing; Playing instruments; Improvisation; Composition;

Performing

The National Curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils:

Perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and tradition, including the works of the great

composers and musicians

Learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument,

use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence

Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the interrelated dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics,

tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.

	Being imaginative
Foundation	Early Learning Goal: Children talk about their own ideas and processes which have led them to make music. They can talk about the
	features of their own and others work (compositions), recognising the differences between them and the strengths of others.
	Pupils are given opportunities to;
	Develop ideas and interests
	 Have specific foci for creative designs/purpose
	Combine and change their creation purposefully reflecting and reviewing their work
	I Talk about the ideas and processes they have used in their own and others work
	Recognise the strengths of their own work and others
	Expected - The children are provided with an environment which is set up in such a way that promotes these opportunities and focus
	on representing their own ideas.
	Expected - Pupils experiment with design - sometimes adult led but not making 'everyone the same'
	Exceeding - Pupils develop their ideas, make decisions, combine and change their ideas with a purpose to aligning their decision
	making processes and
	judging their own work and the work of others through reflection on ways to improve the work they have created
	Musical Activities:
	We do lots on rhythm in our Phase 1 phonics, e.g. tapping out a beat, clapping the syllables of our names
	We play lots of different games with musical instruments, e.g. match the sound or make your own
	We talk about the sounds / music we can hear, thinking about the volume and the tempo
	We practise moving in time to music and talk about the tempo
	We also try and play musical instruments in time to music thinking about the tempo
	We have access to musical instruments in our learning activities some of the time
	New music area outside
	Big Bear Funk Unit
	Charanga: Listen & Respond (Listen & Appraise)
	The foundation of musical learning begins. Whilst listening to a variety of styles of music, the children are encouraged to find the
	pulse, use their imaginations, dance and enjoy themselves. Afterwards, the teacher will ask simple questions. In each step there is the
	option to listen and respond to a
	different song or piece of music in a different style. This music is used to inspire imaginative movement, initially free and child-led movement, this grows
	to enable the teacher to teach the children to follow and copy instruction. The children begin to respond verbally and with movement.

Kst 1 Content	 KS1: Pupils are taught to: Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and thymes Play tuned and untuned instruments musically Listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the interrelated dimensions of music Charanga - Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2, Year 5: Autumn and Spring Listen & Appraise All musical learning happens around the main unit song and children are appraised through Listen and Appraise using other related songs. Within each Listen & Appraise activity in each unit, the children stand up to internalise the pulse using their bodies, stand in a circle or behind desks and take part in the activity with conviction and fun! The questions on-screen, for each activity are: Do you like the song? What can you hear? What is the style of the music? How is the song put together? 								
	Performing	Composing (including notation)	Appraising	Topics					
Year 1	 To use their voices to speak/sing/chant To join in with singing To use instruments to perform To look at their audience when they are performing To clap short rhythmic patterns To copy sounds Challenge: Pupils make loud and quiet sounds 	ImplementationImplementationImplementationSounds with their voiceImplementationImple	 To respond to different moods in music To say how a piece of music makes them feel To say whether they like or dislike a piece of music To choose sounds to represent different things To recognise repeated patterns To follow instructions about when to play or 	Autumn Christmas Play Spring Charanga: Hey You! Summer Charanga: Your imagination					

	They know that the chorus keeps repeatingChallenge: Pupils can tell the difference between long and short sounds They can tell the difference between high and low sounds They can give a reason for choosing an instrument		sing Challenge: Pupils are able to tell the difference between a fast and slow tempo They can tell the difference between loud and quiet sounds They identify two types of sound happening at the same time					
Year 2	Performing	Composing (including notation)	Appraising	Topics:				
	 To sing and follow the melody (tune) To sing accurately at a given pitch To perform simple patterns and accompaniments keeping a steady pulse To perform with others To play simple rhythmic patterns on an instrument To sing/ clap a pulse increasing or decreasing in tempo Challenge: Pupils can sing/play 	 To order sounds to create a beginning, middle and end To create music in response to <different starting points></different To choose sounds which create an effect To use symbols to represent sounds To make connections between notations and musical sounds Challenge: Pupils can use simple structures in a piece of music 	 To improve their own work To listen out for particular things when listening to music Challenge: Pupils recognise sounds that move by steps and by leaps 	Autumn Xmas Play Spring Charanga: I wanna play in a band Summer Zootime				

	rhythmic patterns in	They know that phrases are									
	contrasting tempo; keeping	where we breathe in a song									
	to the pulse	C C									
	Composers:										
	History link - Baroque period										
	- Great fire of London										
	e.g. Pachelbel, Vivaldi										
Kst 2	Pupils are taught to sing and pla	y musically with increasing confide	nce and control. They develop an un	derstanding of musical							
	composition, organising										
	and manipulating idea within m	usical structures and reproducing s	ounds from aural memory								
	Pupils are taught to:										
	Play and perform in solo and en	semble context, using their voices	and playing musical instruments with	increasing accuracy, fluency,							
	control and										
	expression										
	Improvise and compose music fe	ic for a range of purposes using the interrelated dimensions of music									
	Listen with attention to detail an	nd recall sounds with increasing au	ral memory								
	Use and understand staff and ot	her musical notations									
	Appreciate and understand a wi	stand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great									
	composers and musicians	composers and musicians									
	Develop an understanding of the	Develop an understanding of the history of music									
	Charanga: Lower Key Stage 2, Year 5: Autumn and Spring										
	Listen & Appraise										
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	songs. Within each										
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		and take part in									
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	What can you hear?										
	What is the style of the music?										
	How is the song put together?										
	Year 5 Summer and Year 6										

	Listen & Appraise											
	Again, each step has a Listen	Again, each step has a Listen & Appraise section. All the pupils stand to listen to the song and move to the pulse										
	On-screen questions are used	d:	-									
	 How does this song make y 	ou feel?										
	• Does this song tell a story?											
	• What does the song make	you think of?										
	 How old do you think this p 	piece of music is?										
	Appraisal:											
	After listening to the song, ar	nswer the on-screen questions. Clic	s 'Show answer' and an answer w	vill appear.								
	These questions are for exam	ple from Pharrell Williams' song Ha	ірру:									
	 Did the tempo stay the sam 	ne all the way through the song? Ye	s, the tempo stayed the same.									
	• In music, dynamics means	how loud or quiet the music is. What	at are the dynamics in this song?	The music is louder in the chorus								
	when all the											
	instruments are playing toge	instruments are playing together.										
	 Can you identify the difference 	• Can you identify the different instruments/voices that you heard? A solo male voice and backing vocals. Keyboard, bass and drums.										
	The clapping in this	The clapping in this										
		song behaves like another instrument.										
	song behaves like another ins	strument.										
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	instrument	tunes • To combine different sounds to create a specific mood or feeling Challenge: Pupils understand metre in 2 and 3 beats; then 4 and 5 beats They understand how the use of tempo can provide contrast within a piece of music	 To recognise the work of at least one famous composer Challenge: Pupils can tell whether a change is gradual or sudden They identify repetition, contrasts and variations 	Ango-Saxons - pre 1066 e.g. Leonin, De La Halle
Year 4	Performing To perform a simple part rhythmically To sing songs from memory with accurate pitch To improvise using repeated patterns	Composing (including notation) • To use notations to record and interpret sequences of pitches • To use standard notation • To use notations to record compositions in a small group or on their own Challenge: Pupils can use selected pitches simultaneously to produce simple harmony • To use their notation in a performance Challenge: Pupils can explore and use sets of pitches, e.g. 4 or 5 note scales	Appraising • To explain the place of silence and say what effect it has • To start to identify the character of a piece of music • To describe and identify the different purposes of music • To being to identify with	Topics: Autumn Charanga: Mamma Mia Glockenspiel (Stage 2) Spring Charanga: Stop Lean on Me Summer Charanga: Plastic

		They can show how they		
		can use dynamics to provide		
		contrast		
		the style of work of		
		Beethoven, Mozart and		
		Elgar		
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Year 5	Performing	Composing (including	Appraising	Topics:
		notation)		
	To breath in the correct	 To change sounds or 	• To describe, compare	Autumn
	place when singing	organise them	and evaluate music	Charanga: Livin' on a prayer
	To sing and use their	differently to change the	using musical	Spring
	understanding of	effect	vocabulary	Charanga:
	meaning to add	 To compose music 	 To explain why they 	Fresh Prince of Bel Air
	expression	which meets specific	think their music is	(preview)
	I To maintain their part	criteria	successful or	Summer
	whilst others are	 To use their notations to 	unsuccessful	Charanga: Dancin' in the
	performing their part	record groups of pitches	 To suggest 	street (preview)
	To perform 'by ear' and	(chords)	improvements to their	Composers:
	from simple notations	 To use a music diary to 	own or others' work	History link - Early/Mid 20th
	To improvise within a	record aspects of the	 To choose the most 	Century Europe - Debussy,
	group using melodic and	composition process	appropriate tempo for a	Stravinsky, Benjamin Britten
	rhythmic phrases	• To choose the most	piece of music	
	To recognise and use	appropriate tempos for	• To contrast the work of	
	basic structural forms	a piece of music	famous composers and	
	e.g. rounds, variations,	Challenge:	show preferences	
	rondo form	Pupils understand the	Challenge:	
	Challenge:	relation between pulse and	Pupils can explain how	
	Pupils use pitches	syncopated patterns	tempo changes the	
	simultaneously to produce	They can identify (and use)	character of music	
	harmony by building up	, , , , ,	They identify where a	
	, ,		, ,	

Year 6	Performing	Composing (including notation)	Appraising	Topics
	I To sing a harmony part	• To be able to use a	• To be able to refine and	Autumn
	confidently and	variety of different	improve their work	Charanga
	accurately	musical devices in their	• To be able to evaluate	Classroom Jazz 2
	To perform parts from	composition (including	how the venue, occasion	Spring
	memory	melody, rhythms and	and purpose affects the	Charanga:
	To perform using	chords)	way a piece of music is	Happy (preview)
	notations	• To recognise that	created	Summer
	I To take the lead in a	different forms of	• To be able to analyse	Charanga: Year 6 Play
	performance	notation serve different	features within different	
	I To take on a solo part	purposes	pieces of music	
	I To provide rhythmic	• To use different forms	• To be able to compare	
	support	of notation	and contrast the impact	
	Challenge:	• To be able to combine	that different	
	Pupils can perform a piece	groups of beats	composers from	
	of music which contains two	Challenge:	different times will have	
	(or more) distinct melodic or	Pupils can show how a small	had on the people of the	
	rhythmic parts, knowing	change of tempo can maketime.a piece of music moreChallenge:		
	how the part will fit			
	together	effective	Pupils can appraise the	
		They use the full range of	introductions, interludes	
		chromatic pitches to build	and endings for songs and	
		up chords, melodic lines and	compositions they have	
		bass lines	created	

The Interrelated Dimensions of Music

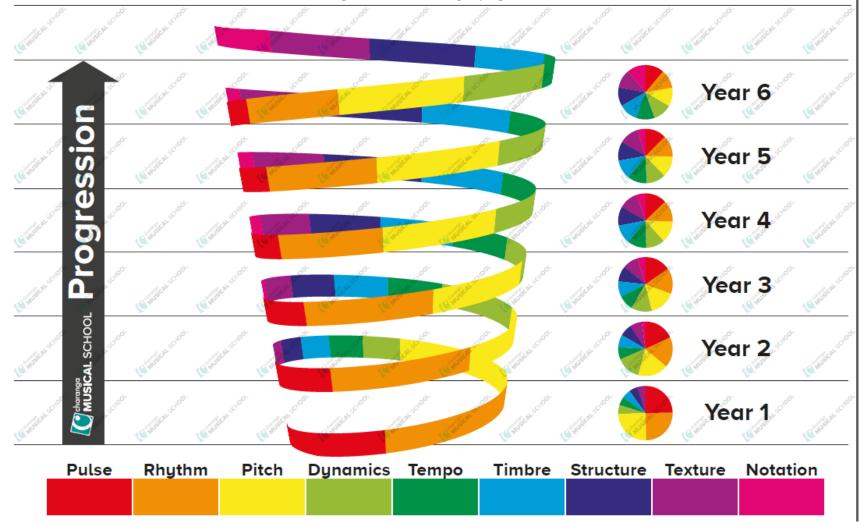




Progression throughout the Units of Work reinforces the interrelated dimensions of music.

With each new song, always start again with the foundation of pulse, then rhythm, then pitch, adding new dimensions as you progress.

This represents an ever increasing spiral of musical learning.



Listening and Appraising Listening Guide

Name _____



What can you hear?

	Renaiss Baroque Classical	Mediev Sonata In	al Gregoria Chantin dian Yayu	Ig	Religious	Traditional Music
 Romantic 20th Century	Opera Ballet	Cho			Samba	Flamenco
 Contemporary Soun Electror	dtrack	Bollywood	Bhangra Fusion	Highlife Brass Band	Salsa	Vest African Drumming o
Techno House Disco	Rock 'n' Roll Heavy	Country & Western	Dancehall	Reggae Ska	Bluegrass Dixieland	Latin Big Band
Pop Popular		Progress Rock P-hop Rock Indie R	Funk	Motown Blues	Listening Jazz Swing	Jazz and Improvised

What is the style of the music?

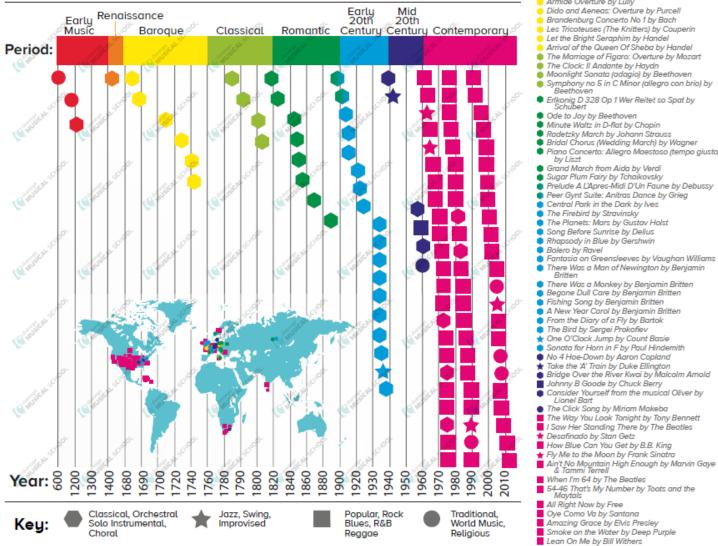
Where in the world					Whe	n do y	ou th	ink 1	the m	usic	was	writt	en?						
is the music from?	Old								Yea	r								1	Now
Barris Barrier	1000	1500 1500	1650	1700	1740	1760	1790	-1800	1820 1840	-	1880	1920	1930	-1940	1950	1960 1970	1980	1990	2010
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Listening and appraising

Charanga Musical School listening material

National Curriculumn 2014:

"...listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians"



Musical School Listening Material

- Music from Compline by Anon
- La Quinta Estampie Real (anon 13th C.) by Anon
- L'autrier Pastoure Seoit (The Other Day a Shepherdess Was Sitting) by Anon
- L'Hom Arme by Anon
- Armide Overture by Lully
- Les Tricoteuses (The Knitters) by Couperin

- Erlkonig D 328 Op 1 Wer Reitet so Spat by Schubert
- Piano Concerto: Allegro Maestoso (tempo giusto)
- Prelude A L'Apres-Midi D'Un Faune by Debussy
- Peer Gynt Suite: Anitras Dance by Grieg
- There Was a Man of Newington by Benjamin
- There Was a Monkey by Benjamin Britten
- Begone Dull Care by Benjamin Britten

- No 4 Hoe-Down by Aaron Copland

- ✤ Fly Me to the Moon by Frank Sinatra
- Ain't No Mountain High Enough by Marvin Gaye & Tammi Terrell
- 54-46 That's My Number by Toots and the Mavtals
- Smoke on the Water by Deep Purple

MUSICAL SCHOOL

- Suspicious Minds by Elvis Presley Love Me Tender by Elvis Presley
- Clapping Music by Steve Reich
- Waterloo by ABBA
- Tubular Bells by Mike Oldfield
- Libertango by Astor Piazzola
- Ram Goat Liver by Pluto Shervinaton
- My First, My Last, My Everything by Barry
- Rockin' All Over the World by Status Quo / John Fogerty
- Mamma Mia by ABBA
- Einstein on the Beach by Phillip Glass
- Dancing Queen by ABBA
- Sir Duke by Stevie Wonder
- We Will Rock You by Queen
- Three Little Birds by Bob Marley and the
- Jammin' by Bob Marley and the Wailers
- Thank You for the Music by ABBA
- Blame It on the Boogie by The Jackson 5
- The Robots (Die Roboter) by Kraftwerk
- Rappers Delight by The Sugarhill Gang
- The Winner Takes It All by ABBA Super Trouper by ABBA
- Imperial March by John Williams
- Don't Stop Believin' by Journey
- The Lamb by John Tavener
- Eve of the Tiger by Survivor
- Hello by Lionel Richie
- It's Like That by Run D.M.C.
- Livin' on a Prayer by Bon Jovi
- So Amazing by Luther Vandross
- You Can Call Me Al by Paul Simon
- Bring Him Back Home by Hugh Masekela Me, Myself and I by De La Soul
- Music for Large and Small Ensembles -opening by Kenny Wheeler
- Lord of the Dance by Ronan Hardiman
- The Fresh Prince of Bel Air by DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince
- U Can't Touch This by MC Hammer
- Heal the World by Michael Jackson
- Small People by Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers
- Diggin' On by James Brown
- Ready or Not by The Fugees Homelands by Nitin Sawhney
- Make You Feel My Love by Bob Dylan Livin' La Vida Loca by Ricky Martin Shackles (Praise You) by Mary Mary

Our Day Will Come by Amy Winehouse

Ho Gaya Sharabi by Panjabi MC

Mbube by Soweto Gospel Choir

He Still Loves Me by Beyonce ft. W. Williams

Mas Que Nada by Sergio Mendes and the Black Eyed Peas

★ It Had Better Be Tonight by Michael Bublé

Don't Stop Believin' by Petra Haden

Make You Feel My Love by Adele

Dance Wiv' Me by Dizzee Rascal

Hlokoloza by Arthur Mofokate

Happy by Pharrell Williams

Why Don't You by Gramophonedzie

Don't Stop Believin' by The Cast of Glee

🔵 Jai Ho by A. R. Rahman Lean On Me by ACM Gospel Choir

Keywords

A capella - Without accompaniment from musical instruments, i.e. voices only.

Appraising - Listening carefully.

Arrangement - How voices and instruments are used in a song; where they occur within the song.

back beat - Beats 2 and 4 in a drum-line or if we are clapping along with the music.

Backing - The accompaniment to a song.

Balance - The level of volume at which players sing or play; if the balance is good then everyone can be heard.

Ballad - A gentle love song.

Band - Playing/singing/performing together.

Bridge/ middle 8 - Contrasting section which leads back to main material.

Chord - More than one note played at the same time.

Chorus - A repeated section in a song which gives the main message.

Coda - Short section which brings the song or piece to an end.

Cover - A version of a song performed by someone other than the original artist that might sound a bit – or very – different.

Composing - Creating and developing musical ideas and 'mixing' these.

Crossover - Can be a mixture of different styles which introduces new music to different audiences.

Decks - Equipment used by DJs, MCs and Rappers to mix sounds from different records and to make effects like scratching. First used in the late 1970s.

Drum loops - A loop is a sequence of sounds/music that is recorded, maybe sampled, and reproduced digitally or electronically. Dynamics - How loud or quiet the music is.

Ending - Short section which brings the song or piece to an end.

Ensemble - A French word used to describe playing/singing/performing together.

Groove - The rhythmic part of the music that makes you want to move and dance.

Harmony - Different notes sung or played at the same time, to produce chords.

Hook - A term used in pop music to describe a short catchy phrase or riff that we can't stop singing; the bit that 'hooks' us in; the main musical idea from a song that we remember.

Improvise - To make up a tune and play it on the spot; there is an assumption that it can never be recreated.

Interlude - A passage of music played between the main themes

Introduction - Music heard at the beginning of a song or piece of music-bridge; a section of music that can take us from a verse to a chorus, just as a bridge over a river takes us from one place to another.

Lyrics - The words of a song.

Melody - Another name for a tune.

Melodic - Melody or tune.

Notation - Ways to visually represent music.

Offbeat - If a piece of music has 4 beats in a bar i.e. 1 2 3 4, to clap on the offbeat you would clap on beats 2 and 4 not 1 and 3.

Original - The first ever version of a song.

Ostinato - A short repeated pattern.

Outro - Short section which brings the song or piece to an end.

Pentatonic scale - A fixed five-note pattern e.g. the five black keys on a piano.

Performing - Singing and playing instruments.

Phrase - A musical sentence.

Pitch - The range of high and low sounds.

Pre-chorus - A short section in a song, before the chorus.

Pulse/beat - The heartbeat or steady beat of a song/piece of music.

Recurring theme - A tune that repeats again and again in a piece of music.

Rhythm - The combination of long and short sounds to make patterns.

Riff - A short repeated phrase, often played on a lead instrument such as guitar, piano or saxophone.

Roots reggae - Music that deals with social and racial issues and brings in elements of Rastafari.

Sampling - Record a sample of music, a small section, and re use it in another piece of music or song. Used frequently in hip hop and other pop music.

Secular - Non religious

Solo - An Italian word used to describe playing/singing/performing on our own.

Structure/form/shape - How the sections (verses and choruses etc.) of a song are ordered to make the whole piece.

Style - The type of music e.g. blues or rock.

Style indicators - Identifiers that show us the genre of the music.

Syncopation - Music with lots of rhythmic variety, often quite difficult. The strong beats occur in unexpected places

unexpected places.

Tag - (Usually) a short ending, tagged on to the main part of the song.

Tempo - An Italian word used to describe how fast/slow the music goes.

Texture - Layers of sound in music.

Timbre - The quality and character of the sound.

urban contemporary - Modern music that uses elements of soul, hip hop, funk, jazz, R&B that appeals to young people.

Verse - A section in a song which has the same tune but different words.