# St. Marys Music Skills Progression



	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 /4	Year 5	Year 6
Listen and Appraise	To learn how they can enjoy moving to music by dancing, marching, being animals or pop stars.	<ul> <li>To learn how they can enjoy moving to music by dancing, marching, being animals or pop stars.</li> <li>To learn how songs can tell a story or describe an idea.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To confidently identify and move to the pulse.</li> <li>To think about what the words of a song mean.</li> <li>To take it in turn to discuss how the song makes them feel.</li> <li>Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To identify and move to the pulse with ease.</li> <li>To think about the message of songs.</li> <li>To compare two songs in the same style, talking about what stands out musically in each of them, their similarities and differences.</li> <li>Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music.</li> <li>When you talk try to use musical words.</li> <li>To talk about the musical dimensions working together in the Unit songs.</li> <li>Talk about the music and how it makes you feel.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To identify and move to the pulse with ease.</li> <li>To think about the message of songs.</li> <li>To compare two songs in the same style, talking about what stands out musically in each of them, their similarities and differences.</li> <li>Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music.</li> <li>Use musical words when talking about the songs.</li> <li>To talk about the musical dimensions working together in the Unit songs.</li> <li>Talk about the music and how it makes you feel, using musical language to describe the music.</li> </ul>
Musical activities - Warm up games	<ul> <li>Find the pulse. Choose an animal and find the pulse</li> <li>Listen to the rhythm and clap back. Copy back short rhythmic phrases based on words, with one and two syllables whilst marching to the steady beat.</li> <li>Create rhythms for others to copy</li> <li>Listen and sing back. Use your voices to copy back using 'la', whist marching to the steady beat</li> <li>Listen and sing back, and some different vocal warm-ups. Use your voices to copy back using 'la'.</li> </ul>	There are progressive Warm-up Games and Challenges within each Unit that embed pulse, rhythm and pitch. Children will complete the following in relation to the main song:  • Game 1 – Have Fun Finding the Pulse! Find the pulse. Choose an animal and find the pulse.  • Game 2 – Rhythm Copy Back Listen to the rhythm and clap back. Copy back short rhythmic phrases based on words, with one and two syllables whilst marching the steady beat.  • Game 3 – Rhythm Copy Back, Your Turn Create rhythms for others to copy.  • Game 4 – Pitch Copy Back and Vocal Warm-up 1 Listen and sing back. Use your voices to copy back using 'la', whilst marching the steady beat.  • Game 4a – Pitch Copy Back and Vocal Warm-up 2 Listen and sing back, and some different vocal warm-ups. Use your voices to copy back using 'la'.	Using the Warm up Games tracks provided, complete the Bronze, Silver and Gold Challenges. Children will complete the following in relation to the main song, using two notes:  1. Find the Pulse  2. Rhythm Copy Back:  a. Bronze: Clap and say back rhythms  b. Silver: Create your own simple rhythm patterns  c. Gold: Perhaps lead the class using their simple rhythms  3. Pitch Copy Back Using 2 Notes  a. Bronze: Copy back — 'Listen and sing back' (no notation)  b. Silver: Copy back with instruments, without then with notation  c. Gold: Copy back with instruments, without and then with notation  4. Pitch Copy Back and Vocal Warm-ups	Using the Warm up Games tracks provided, complete the Bronze, Silver and Gold Challenges. Children will complete the following in relation to the main song, using three notes:  Bronze Challenge  Find the pulse  Copy back rhythms based on the words of the main song, that include syncopation/off beat  Copy back one-note riffs using simple and syncopated rhythm patterns  Silver Challenge  Find the pulse  Lead the class by inventing rhythms for others to copy back  Copy back two-note riffs by ear and with notation  Question and answer using two different notes  Gold Challenge  Find the pulse  Lead the class by inventing rhythms for them to copy back  Copy back three-note riffs by ear and with notation  Question and answer using three different notes	Using the Warm up Games tracks provided, complete the Bronze, Silver and Gold Challenges. Children will complete the following in relation to the main song, using three notes:  Bronze Challenge Find the pulse Copy back rhythms based on the words of the main song, that include syncopation/off beat Copy back one-note riffs using simple and syncopated rhythm patterns Silver Challenge Find the pulse Lead the class by inventing rhythms for others to copy back Copy back two-note riffs by ear and with notation Question and answer using two different notes Gold Challenge Find the pulse Lead the class by inventing rhythms for them to copy back Copy back three-note riffs by ear and with notation Question and answer using three different notes

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Singing	<ul> <li>Learn about voices, singing notes of different pitches (high and low).</li> <li>Learn that they can make different types of sounds with their voices – you can rap or say words in rhythm.</li> <li>Learn to start and stop singing when following a leader.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Learn about voices singing notes of different pitches (high and low). ● Learn that they can make different types of sounds with their voices – you can rap (spoken word with rhythm). ● Learn to find a comfortable singing position. ● Learn to start and stop singing when following a leader.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To sing in unison and in simple two-parts.</li> <li>To demonstrate a good singing posture.</li> <li>To follow a leader when singing.</li> <li>To enjoy exploring singing solo.</li> <li>To sing with awareness of being 'in tune'.</li> <li>To have an awareness of the pulse internally when singing.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To sing in unison and to sing backing vocals.</li> <li>To enjoy exploring singing solo.</li> <li>To listen to the group when singing.</li> <li>To demonstrate a good singing posture.</li> <li>To follow a leader when singing.</li> <li>To experience rapping and solo singing.</li> <li>To listen to each other and be aware of how you fit into the group.</li> <li>To sing with awareness of being 'in tune'.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To sing in unison and to sing backing vocals.</li> <li>To demonstrate a good singing posture.</li> <li>To follow a leader when singing.</li> <li>To experience rapping and solo singing.</li> <li>To listen to each other and be aware of how you fit into the group.</li> <li>To sing with awareness of being 'in tune'.</li> </ul>
Playing instruments	<ul> <li>Treat instruments carefully and with respect.</li> <li>Play a tuned instrumental part with the song they perform.</li> <li>Learn to play an instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts (a one-note part, a simple part, medium part).</li> <li>Listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Treat instruments carefully and with respect.</li> <li>Learn to play a tuned instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts (a one-note, simple or medium part).</li> <li>Play the part in time with the steady pulse.</li> <li>Listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To treat instruments carefully and with respect.</li> <li>Play any one, or all of four, differentiated parts on a tuned instrument –         a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of the song) from memory or using notation.</li> <li>To rehearse and perform their part within the context of the Unit song.</li> <li>To listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Play a musical instrument with the correct technique within the context of the Unit song.</li> <li>Select and learn an instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts – a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of the song from memory or using notation.</li> <li>To rehearse and perform their part within the context of the Unit song.</li> <li>To listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader.</li> <li>To lead a rehearsal session.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Play a musical instrument with the correct technique within the context of the Unit song.</li> <li>Select and learn an instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts – a one-note, simple or medium part or the melody of the song from memory or using notation.</li> <li>To rehearse and perform their part within the context of the Unit song.</li> <li>To listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader.</li> <li>To lead a rehearsal session.</li> </ul>

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Use the improvisation tracks provided. Improvise using the three challenges:

- 1. Clap and Improvise Listen and clap back, then listen and clap your
- own answer (rhythms of words). 2. Sing, Play and Improvise – Use voices and instruments, listen and

sing back, then listen and play your own answer using one or two

notes.

Improvisation

Composition

3. Improvise! – Take it in turns to improvise using one or two notes.

• Help to create a simple melody

using one, two or three notes. •

composition can be written down

Learn how the notes of the

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- 1. Clap and Improvise Listen and clap back, then listen and clap your own answer (rhythms of words).
- 2. Sing, Play and Improvise Use voices and instruments, listen and sing back, then listen and play your own answer using one or two notes.
- 3. Improvise! Take it in turns to improvise using one or two notes.

• Help create three simple melodies with

• Learn how the notes of the composition

the Units using one, three or

can be written down and

five different notes.

changed if necessary

Improvise using instruments in the context of the song they are learning to perform. Using the improvisation tracks provided, children will complete the Bronze, Silver or Gold Challenges:

- Bronze Challenge:
- o Copy Back Listen and sing back o Play and Improvise – Using instruments, listen and play your

own answer using one note.

- o Improvise! Take it in turns to improvise using one note.
- Silver Challenge:
- o Sing, Play and Copy Back Listen and copy back using instruments, using two different notes. o Play and Improvise – Using your instruments, listen and play

your own answer using one or two notes.

o Improvise! – Take it in turns to improvise using one or two notes.

- Gold Challenge:
- o Sing, Play and Copy Back Listen and copy back using instruments, two different notes.

 Play and Improvise – Using your instruments, listen and play

your own answer using two different notes.

o Improvise! – Take it in turns to improvise using three different notes.

Help create at least one simple melody using one, three or five different notes.

- Plan and create a section of music that can be performed within the context of the unit song.
- Talk about how it was created.
- Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions about pulse, rhythm, pitch, dynamics and tempo.
- Record the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation).

Improvise using instruments in the context of a song to be performed. Use the improvisation tracks provided and improvise using the Bronze, Silver or Gold Challenges.

- 1. Play and Copy Back
- o Bronze Copy back using instruments. Use one note
- Silver Copy back using instruments. Use the two notes.
- Gold Copy back using instruments. Use the three notes.
- 2. Play and Improvise You will be using up to three notes:
- o Bronze Question and Answer using instruments. Use one note in your answer.

o Silver – Question and Answer using instruments. Use two

notes in your answer. Always start on a G. o Gold – Question and Answer using instruments. Use three

notes in your answer. Always start on a G.

- 3. Improvisation! You will be using up to three notes. The notes will be
- provided on-screen and in the lesson plan: o Bronze – Improvise using one note.
- o Silver Improvise using two notes.
- O Silver Improvise using two notes.O Gold Improvise using three notes.
- Classroom Jazz 2 Improvise with a feeling for the style of Bossa Nova and

Swing using the notes D, E, G, A + B (pentatonic scale/a five-note pattern)

- Create simple melodies using up to five different notes and simple rhythms that work musically with the style of the Unit song.
- Explain the keynote or home note and the structure of the melody.
- Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions about how the melody connects with the song.
- Record the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation).

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	Choose a song they have learnt	Choose a song they have learnt from the	To choose what to perform and create a	To choose what to perform and create a	To choose what to perform and create a
I I	from the Scheme and perform it.	Scheme and perform it.	programme.	programme.	programme.
	<ul> <li>They can add their ideas to the</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>They can add their ideas to the</li> </ul>	To communicate the meaning of the words	To communicate the meaning of the words	To communicate the meaning of the words and
	performance.	performance.	and clearly articulate them.	and clearly articulate them.	clearly articulate
	Record the performance and	Record the performance and say how they	To talk about the best place to be when	• To talk about the venue and how to use it to	them.
	say how they were feeling about	were feeling about it.	performing and how to stand	best effect.	To talk about the venue and how to use it to
<b>a</b> v	it		or sit.	To record the performance and compare it	best effect.
nce			To record the performance and say how they	to a previous performance.	To record the performance and compare it to a
na			were feeling, what they	<ul> <li>To discuss and talk musically about it –</li> </ul>	previous performance.
or			were pleased with what they would change and	"What went well?" and "It	■ To discuss and talk musically about it – "What
erf			why	would have been even better if?"	went well?" and "It
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## **Reception**

Listen and Respond	Explore and Create	Singing	Share and Perform
The children can	The children can	The children can	The children can
◆To learn that music can touch your feelings.	<ul> <li>Find the pulse by copying a character in a nursery</li> </ul>	To sing along with a pre-recorded song and add	<ul> <li>Perform any of the nursery rhymes by singing and</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>To enjoy moving to music by dancing, marching,</li> </ul>	rhyme, imagining	actions.	adding actions or
being animals or	a similar character or object and finding different ways	<ul> <li>To sing along with the backing track.</li> </ul>	dance.
Pop stars.	to keep the		Perform any nursery rhymes or songs adding a simple
	pulse.		instrumental
	<ul> <li>◆Copy basic rhythm patterns of single words, building</li> </ul>		part.
	to short phrases		<ul> <li>Record the performance to talk about.</li> </ul>
	from the song/s.		
	<ul> <li>Explore high and low using voices and sounds of</li> </ul>		
	characters in the		
	songs. Listen to high-pitched and low-pitched sounds		
	on a		
	glockenspiel.		
	<ul> <li>Invent a pattern using one pitched note, keep the</li> </ul>		
	pulse throughout		
	with a single note and begin to create simple 2-note		
	patterns to		
	accompany the song.		
	<ul> <li>Adding a 2-note melody to the rhythm of the words.</li> </ul>		
	Playing with two pitched notes to invent musical		
	patterns.		