

School Overview - Music

2023-2024

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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Spring 1	Continue to explore the elements of music. This term we will focus on pitch, tonality, timbre and dynamics and explore a piece of South American music to embed these concepts.	This term children will learn more new notes on the recorder. They will learn how to add moving accompaniments to their pieces, as well as develop their knowledge of harmony and melody through playing more advanced pieces.	We will be introducing ukuleles to the children. They will learn to strum and pick simple patterns. They will also learn to play simple chords and pieces on the ukulele. They will then use this knowledge to create their own ukulele compositions.	After recapping on our ukulele knowledge from Year 5, children will learn a range of new chords – including the F and G chords. New strumming patterns, including the Island strum will be explored and children will learn to play a number of popular pieces.

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Summer 1	Introduce the recorder to the children. They will learn how to hold a recorder, how to breathe when playing and will learn to play three notes on the recorder. Children will also learn how to read these notes following staff notation.	We will be focusing on pentatonic scales this term and expanding our knowledge of pitch and tonality. Children will enhance their knowledge of the pentatonic scale through exploring the importance of dragons and the dragon scale in Chinese culture.	Using Finlandia as a model, children are going to compose their own class piece. As we compose, we will be learning about Musical Structure – ABA form. We will apply the knowledge we have gained throughout the year on dynamics, tempo and timbre in our composition.	The focus of our learning will be the Brazilian samba. Children will learn to echo, read and perform four basic samba patterns. They will learn to play these rhythms as a canon, be able to respond to a samba call. As well as learning about different Samba instruments, children will look at the inter-relationship between different rhythmic patterns and be able to play these as complex ostinatos.
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