

LITTLE BOWDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Working together to love learning'

THE MUSIC CURRICULUM: A PROGRESSION

Whole School Music Progression Map

At Little Bowden, our Music Education progression is **ambitious**, **memorable** and **diverse**, and is developed using the Leicestershire Music Hub's Primary scheme of work. At Little Bowden Primary School, our music curriculum is designed to give children a comprehensive understanding of music through listening, singing, playing, evaluating, analysing, and composing in various styles, traditions, and genres. We aim to spark curiosity and foster a deep appreciation for all forms of music, promoting an inclusive and respectful environment. Our goal is for every child to develop a love for music and have opportunities to progress in their creative abilities. In EYFS progression is through a range of learnt songs, and exposure to the various elements of music, children learn about all the key topics that Years 1-6 cover in a foundational experience such as: finding the pulse of songs, using their voices, developing rhythm, locating pitch, understanding the basic structure of songs and listening to a variety of music from 20th Century to current.

Years 1-6 follow a spiral curriculum pattern whereby the six topics: pitch, voice, rhythm, pitch, music technology, structure and form, and 20th Century music are taught one unit per term with each year group covering the same topic each term. Not only is this effective for observing the vertical strands of progression in the curriculum but also helpful to see the depth and range of material that children are expected to show year on year.

<u>Intent</u>

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Implementation

Music is an integral part of our school life, with children engaging in music activities regularly. Our curriculum ensures that students sing, listen, play, perform, and evaluate music through:

- Weekly Classroom Lessons: Following the Leicestershire Schools Music Scheme of Work, our lessons are designed to be inclusive, engaging, and aligned with the National Plan for Music Education. Each lesson sequence builds on previous knowledge, allowing children to deepen and apply their understanding. We follow the Department for Education's (DfE) recommendation that primary school pupils receive a minimum of one hour of music education per week, seen through weekly music lessons, singing assemblies, and integrated music activities throughout the curriculum. We believe ensuring consistent and sufficient time for music education helps children develop their musical skills and appreciation for the subject effectively.
- Weekly Singing Assemblies and Performances: These sessions provide a platform for both KS1 and KS2 pupils to practice and showcase their vocal skills.
- **Instrumental Learning**: Children learn to play various percussion instruments and recorders. Through the delivered programme of lessons children are engaged with music technology and ICT in music-making to broaden their understanding, along with an appreciation of 20th-century music among a diverse selection of genres.
- **Composition and Performance**: Students explore body percussion and vocal sounds, enhancing their grasp of musical elements without the complexity of instruments.
- Visiting Music Specialists: We offer instrument tuition, weekly singing, and performance sessions for all KS2 students. There are also after-school and SEN support groups.
- Extracurricular Clubs: Our orchestra, recorder, and drumming clubs welcome children of all ages and abilities, providing additional opportunities to engage with music.

Impact

Through our music programme, children at Little Bowden Primary School can enjoy music as listeners, creators, and performers. They develop an understanding of cultural and historical contexts, both personally and globally. Our students learn to analyse and appreciate music, feel a pulse, and compose and perform confidently. Beyond the National Curriculum, we offer:

- **Guest Musicians and Performances**: Students experience live music from visiting artists and participate in collaborative music days with other schools.
- **Community Engagement**: Our pupils often perform in the wider community, showcasing their talents and building confidence.
- Showcasing External Talents: We encourage children to share their musical interests and achievements in class and assemblies, ensuring everyone feels valued and challenged.

Our programme provides a solid foundation for children to continue their musical journey, whether they pursue it further or simply enjoy it throughout their lives.

Music in the Early Years

The EYFS framework is structured very differently to the national curriculum as it is organised across seven areas of learning rather than subject areas. However, the two areas where the EYFS curriculum most clearly aligned to music in the national curriculum are in the areas of Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

Understanding the World encompasses the Early Learning Goals (ELGs) of Past and Present, People, Culture and Communities, and the Natural World. It states that the following: Children are to listen to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems will foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world.

Expressive Arts and Design enlists the ELGs of Creating with Materials and Being Imaginative and Expressive. As a area it qualifies: the quality and variety of what children see, hear and participate in is crucial for developing their understanding, self-expression, vocabulary and ability to communicate through the arts. The frequency, repetition and depth of their experiences are fundamental to their progress in interpreting and appreciating what they hear, respond to and observe. In addition to this the ELG of Being Imaginative and Expressive states: children at the expected level of development will: - Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher; - Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs; - Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music

	HT1	HT2	HT3	HT4	HT5	HT6
EYFS	Understanding the World	Understanding the World	Understanding the World	Understanding the World	Understanding the World	Understanding the World
	Expressive Arts and Design	Expressive Arts and Design	Expressive Arts and Design	Expressive Arts and Design	Expressive Arts and Design	Expressive Arts and Design
Year 1	Pulse	Voice	Rhythm	Pitch	Technology, Structure & Form	20 th Century Music
Year 2	Pulse	Voice	Rhythm	Pitch	Technology, Structure & Form	20 th Century Music
Year 3	Pulse	Voice	Rhythm	Pitch	Technology, Structure & Form	20 th Century Music
Year 4	Pulse	Voice	Rhythm	Pitch	Technology, Structure & Form	20 th Century Music
Year 5	Pulse	Voice	Rhythm	Pitch	Technology, Structure & Form	20 th Century Music
Year 6	Pulse	Voice	Rhythm	Pitch	Technology, Structure & Form	20 th Century Music

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	Music Curriculum Map								
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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2			
EYFS – ELGS	Understanding the World		Understanding the World		Understanding the World				
	(Autumn)		(Spring)		(Summer)				
Prime Areas of	Listening to a broad		Listening to a broad		Listening to a broad				
	selection of stories, non-		selection of stories, non-		selection of stories, non-				
Learning:	fiction, rhymes and		fiction, rhymes and		fiction, rhymes and poems				
	poems will foster their		poems will foster their		will foster their				
	understanding of our		understanding of our		understanding of our				
Specific Areas	culturally, socially,		culturally, socially,		culturally, socially,				
of Learning:	technologically and		technologically and		technologically and				
or Learning.	ecologically diverse		ecologically diverse		ecologically diverse world.				
	world.		world.						
<u>Understanding</u>	Expressive Arts and	Imaginative and	Creating with Materials		Creating with Materials				
the World	Design	Expressive	Being (Spring) Children		Being (Summer) Children				
Past and	The quality and variety of	(Autumn) Children	should be building their		should be able to make				
Present.	what children see, hear	should be working at	repertoire of nursery		sounds as descriptions on				
	and participate in is	a level which sees	rhymes, songs and class		instruments that link to their				
People, Culture	crucial for developing	them: *Enjoying in	favourite music Children		own emotions or feelings or				
and	their understanding, self-	with dancing and	should explore moving in		movements i.e. upbeat, slow,				
Communities	expression, vocabulary	singing games	different ways to different		loud, soft etc. They should be				
The Natural	and ability to	*Singing a few familiar	types and speeds/genres of		enabled to verbalise the				
World	communicate through	songs *Beginning to	music. In line with our 'No		decisions they have made and				
vonu	the arts. The frequency,	move rhythmically	Outsiders' ethos, children		how it links to how they are				
	repetition and depth of	*Imitating movement	will share genres of		feeling or how a character in a				
	their experiences are	in response to music	appropriate (e.g no		book or another person is				
Expressive	fundamental to their	*Tapping out simple	swearing etc) music that		feeling. Children should be				
Arts and	progress in interpreting	repeated rhythms	they listen to as a		able to talk in simplistic terms				
Design	and appreciating what they hear, respond to	*Exploring and learning how sounds	family.They should be		how music and movement has				
	and observe.	can be changed	taught to listen to the pace and beat of the music, with		an impact on how they feel. Adults should model the music				
Creating with	and observe.	can be changed	adults initially modelling		they listen to, that makes they				
Materials			movement that is		feel happy or sad etc. Children				
			movement that is		Teer happy of sau etc. Children				

Being Imaginative and Expressive	Imaginative and Expressive Children at the expected level of development will: - Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher; - Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs; - Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music		appropriate. Children should then be enabled to move as the music makes them feel. <u>Imaginative and</u> <u>Expressive (Spring)</u> Children should be working at a level which sees them: *Exploring and learning how sounds can be changed *Singing songs, making music and experimenting with ways of changing them *Beginning to build a repertoire of songs and dances *Exploring the different sounds of instruments	or dislik music a to expla Children emotion i.e unde can sho fear and mime ac moveme	sit that it is OK to like e different types of nd should be enabled in their reasoning. In should be able to put into their movement erstand that movements w enthusiasm, energy, d begin to put some ctions into their ents.	
Year 1	 Pulse Create, explore, respond and identify long and short sounds Create, explore, respond and identify long and short sounds. Keep a steady pulse and perform simple rhythms Keep a steady pulse and perform simple rhythms Create a group performance using instruments to keep the pulse or play a rhythm 	 Voice Sing and perform songs, which contain a small range of notes, using clear diction and pitch match with increasing accuracy. Sing call and response songs which contain a small range of notes, pitch matching accurately and perform 	 Rhythm 1. Demonstrate and explain the difference between pulse and rhythm 2. Confidently copy given rhythms 3. Play along to a pulse and maintain a steady tempo 4. Record rhythms and perform them using a graphic score 5. Perform as part of a group and play rhythms in time. 6. Listen to ideas from others and use 	 Pitch 1. Identify and explain the difference between high and low pitched sounds. 2. Recognise changes in pitch when singing and listening to musical sounds. 3. Use pitch and timbre to create my own composition 4. Use my voice and instruments to show different pitches and timbres. I can represent a sound 	 Technology, Structure & Form Demonstrate an understanding of musical structure Use technology to create and change sounds. Use technology to create and change sounds. Demonstrate an understanding 	 20th Century Music I dentify and perform features of contemporary folk music. I dentify and perform features of experimental music I dentify and perform features of disco music. Create and practise a piece of music using features of other genres Create and improve a piece of music using features of other genres

		can comment on my own performance. 6. Use dynamics and actions to enhance my performance, pitch match accurately and follow performance instructions				
Year 2	 Pulse 1. Chant / play with a good sense of pulse and perform using graphic notation 2. Chant / play with a good sense of pulse and respond to visual and aural cues. 3. Read stick notation to represent crotchets, paired quavers and crotchet rests 4. Compose my own piece using stick notation for crotchets, paired quavers and crotchet rests 	 Sing with accuracy and follow performance instructions (including starting and stopping). Sing with accuracy and follow performance instructions (including starting, stopping and using dynamics). 	 Rhythm Recognise and perform rhythmic patterns in songs. Perform parts of a song with a good sense of pulse and rhythm Perform parts of a song with a good sense of pulse and rhythm Perform parts of a song with a good sense of pulse and rhythm Use stick notation to record a rhythm and to help me perform it. Perform in a group, playing rhythms accurately with a steady pulse. 	volume, pitch and dynamics 3. Demonstrate awareness of a	 Technology, Structure & Form Listen to, and make observations about, a variety of live and recorded music Experiment changing and combining sounds through technology Experiment changing and combining 	 20th Century Music I dentify and perform features of Film Music I dentify and perform features of Beatles' music. I dentify and perform features of Modern Bhangra music. Create a piece of music using features of different genres. Create and practise a piece of music using features of different genres.

 5. Perform my composition as part of a group in time to the pulse 6. Comment on my own and other people's performances using Yr 2 vocabulary learnt 	 Sing with accuracy and follow performance instructions and recognise and demonstrate a link between pitch and shape using graphic notation. Sing with accuracy and follow performance instructions (including starting, stopping, dynamics and tempo). Sing with accuracy and follow performance instructions. I can recognise and demonstrate a link between pitch and shape using graphic notation. Sing with accuracy and follow performance 	6. Comment on my own and other people's performances using Year 2 vocabulary learnt	features such as rhythm, pitch and volume and can demonstrate them	 sounds through technology 4. Create and perform simple rhythms following a given structure 5. Create and perform simple rhythms following a given structure 3. Comment on my own and other people's performances using Yr 2 vocabulary learnt. 	6. Comment on my own and other people's performances
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Year 3	Pulse	instructions (including starting, stopping, dynamics and tempo). I understand how to be a good performer. Voice	Rhythm	Pitch	Technology,	20 th Century Music
	 rhythms and link each syllable to a musical note 4. Compose and perform an ostinato using standard notation 5. Maintain a part in a 	in unison and pitch match accurately using dynamics 3. Maintain my part when singing a song with more	 Play rhythms confidently whilst maintaining a consistent pulse Demonstrate that I understand the difference between pulse and rhythm whilst performing songs and playing instruments. Play rhythms confidently while maintaining a consistent pulse Take part in a performance, follow musical signals and maintain a strong sense of pulse Take part in a performance, follow musical signals and maintain a strong sense of pulse Comment on my own and other people's 	patterns, melodies and accompaniment 5. Begin to create simple rhythmic patterns, melodies and	 Structure & Form 1. Listen to and use features of music from other traditions, genres and times and use technology to create, change and combine sounds 2. Compose following the basic sections of song structure 3. Compose following the basic sections of song structure 4. Compose following the basic sections of song structure 5. Use technology to create, and complexity to create and complexity to create	

		 when I sing and follow performance directions 6. Perform with confidence in unison and in parts, using expression, actions and dynamics and comment on my own and other's performances using Yr 3 vocabulary. 	performances using Yr 3 vocabulary learnt	6. Comment on my own and other's performances using Yr 3 vocabulary learnt	change and combine sounds 6. Comment on my own and other people's performances using Yr 3 vocabulary learnt	
Year 4	 Pulse Play confidently, identifying and maintaining a steady pulse Perform and lead simple pieces in 4/4 time using ostinatos and drones Maintain an independent part in a small group piece that includes a ground bass, and offer comments about my own and others' work and ways to improve. 	 Sing fluently with an awareness of my breathing and pronunciation. Sing with an awareness of my breathing and pronunciation and sing fluently in unison and pitch match accurately. Sing fluently and can maintain an 	 Rhythm Perform rhythmic phrases accurately, whilst maintaining a steady sense of pulse Follow rhythm notation, accurately play a rhythmic phrase and maintain a steady sense of pulse Create and perform different rhythms and play them confidently within a set structure. Use graphic and standard notation to compose and notate rhythms and perform 	within a limited range. 3. Aurally recognise, use and respond	 Technology, Structure & Form Recognise, respond and use multiple sections within song structure Recognise, respond and use multiple sections within song structure Use voice, sounds, technology and instruments in creative ways 	 20th Century Music Identify and perform features of Minimalism Identify and perform features of musicals. Identify and perform features of Pop music Create a piece of music using features of different genres. Create and practise a piece of music using features of different genres Comment on my own and other people's performances

	 Maintain an independent part in a small group piece that includes a syncopated rhythm, and offer comments about my own and others' work and ways to improve. Compose, perform and lead simple pieces, maintaining an independent part. Offer comments about my own and others' work and ways to improve, using appropriate musical vocabulary. 	 independent part. Sing fluently and with an awareness of my breathing and pronunciation. Sing fluently with confidence and with an awareness of my breathing and pronunciation. Sing fluently with confidence and with an awareness of my breathing and pronunciation and comment on my own and other's performances. 	 them to a steady pulse. 5. Create and perform different rhythms and play them confidently within a set structure. 6. Assess musical performances, offering constructive feedback on my own and others' work. 	rhythmic patterns, melodies and accompaniments.	 Use voice, sounds, technology and instruments in creative ways Use voice, sounds, technology and instruments in creative ways Comment on my own and other people's performances using Yr 4 vocabulary learnt 	
Year 5	 Pulse 1. Play confidently, identifying and maintaining a strong sense of pulse 2. Create graphic notation to represent rhythms. 	 Voice Sing and maintain an independent part with increasing awareness of other parts. Sing and maintain an 	basic musical symbols including standard notation 2. Use a variety of	 Pitch 1. Explore the meaning of pitch and the pitch qualities of different instruments. 2. Play from standard pitch notation in the treble clef 	Form	 20th Century Music 1. Identify and perform features of Jazz music 2. Identify and perform features of Expressionism 3. Identify and perform features of Film music

piece as part of a group	part with increasing awareness of other parts and interpret the melody shape of a	 rhythms within a range of time signatures 4. Use and respond to basic musical symbols including standard notation 5. Maintain a rhythmic part in a group performance with an awareness of structure. 6. Comment on my own and other people's performances using Yr 5 vocabulary learnt 	 Begin to create music which demonstrates an understanding of basic structure and an awareness of contrasting pitches and melodies. Begin to use a variety of musical devices and techniques when creating and making music. Demonstrate increasing confidence and skill when taking different roles in rehearsal and performance. Comment on my own and other's performances using Yr 5 vocabulary learnt. 	 Consider some musical devices when creating and playing music using technology Consider some musical devices when creating and playing music using technology Use and identify some key features of musical structures Use and identify some key features of musical structures. Comment on my own and other people's performance using Yr 5 vocabulary learnt Comment on my own and other people's
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Year 6	 Pulse Play confidently, identifying and maintaining a strong sense of pulse and recognise when going out of time. Play confidently, identifying and maintaining a strong sense of pulse and recognise when going out of time. Play in regular (2/4,3/4, 4/4) and irregular (5/4) timings Maintain an independent part in a group when singing or playing with an awareness of other parts / performers Maintain an independent part in a group when singing or playing with an awareness of other parts / performers 	 Read and write graphic scores and perform sung interpretations of different pitches. Experiment with and refine sounds and pitches with my voice. Maintain a sung part in a group performance. Maintain a sung part in a group performance. Mork with a group perform parts from a song with accurate pitch. Comment on my own and other peoples' performances. 	 Rhythm Interpret a graphic score and use it to perform. Read, play and identify short passages of rhythms using standard notation. Create and perform a piece using my awareness of timbre and texture. Maintain a part in a group performance where rhythms are 'on' and 'off' the beat Notate and perform a piece of music using dynamic and tempo changes. Assess, evaluate and offer feedback to peers and also discuss ways to improve my own performance. 	 Pitch Listen to and evaluate a range of live and recorded music from different traditions, genres, styles and times, responding appropriately through composition and discussion. Use a variety of musical devices such as timbre, texture, dynamics and tempo changes when creating and making music. 3. Create music which demonstrates understanding of basic structure with a focus on contrasting pitches and melodies Use a variety of musical devices such as timbre, texture, dynamics and melodies Use a variety of musical devices such as timbre, texture, dynamics and tempo changes 	 Technology, Structure & Form 1. Listen to and evaluate the structure and key features of a range of music 2. Use a variety of musical devices when creating and playing music 3. Use a variety of musical devices when creating and playing music 4. Create music with a secure understanding of structure and the key features 5. Create music with a secure understanding of structure and 	 20th Century Music Identify and perform features of Hip Hop music Identify and perform features of Minimalism Identify and perform features of wartime music (swing) Create a piece of music using features from different genres Create and practise a piece of music using features of different genres. Comment on my own and other people's performances

6. Share opinions about my own and others' music and be willing to justify these using musical vocabulary	5. []]]] 5. []] 5. []] 5. []] 5. []]] 5. []]] 5. []]] 5. []]] 5. []] 5. [] 5. [] 5. [] 5. [5.] 5. [5.] 5. [5.] 5. [] 5.] 5.] 5. [] 5.] 5.] 5. [] 5.] 5. [] 5.] 5. [] 5.] 5.] 5. [] 5.] 5.] 5.] 5.] 5.] 5.] 5.] 5.	when creating and making music.the key featuresDemonstrate6. Comment on my own and other people'sincreasing confidence, expression, skill and levels of musicality when taking different roles in performance and rehearsal.9. Comment on my own and vocabulary learnt6. Comment on my own and other's performances using Yr 6 vocabulary learnt.9. Comment on my own and other people's performances using Yr 6 vocabulary learnt	
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