Year 2

Musical Elements



Pulse/Beat/Metre Watch and follow a steady beat.

Find a steady beat.

Recognise the time signature 4/4 by ear and notation.

Understand that the speed of the beat can change, creating a faster or slower pace (tempo).

Rhythm Recognise long sounds and short sounds, and match them to syllables and movement.

Play copy back rhythms, copying a leader, and invent rhythms for others to copy on untuned

and tuned percussion.

Create rhythms using word phrases as a starting point.

Pitch (Melody) Identify the high notes and low notes in a melody.

Join in part of a melody.

Rehearse and play a simple instrumental melody as a part to go with a song.

Identify the names of the notes on a glockenspiel: C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C.

Use body percussion and untuned and tuned percussion instruments with a song, and listen to

how the sounds blend together.

Identify and play by ear or notation notes in the tonality of C major.

Tempo Recognise the difference between the speed of a steady beat, a fast beat and a slow beat.

Change the speed of a steady beat, moving from fast to slow, slow to fast.

Understand that the speed of the beat can change, creating a faster or slower pace.

Dynamics Identify loud and quiet sections of music, and discuss what makes the music loud and quiet.

Understand the meaning of loud and quiet (forte and piano).

Timbre Know the difference between a speaking voice and a singing voice.

Identify friends from the sound of their voice.

Texture Understand that singing and playing together creates a musical texture.

Add body percussion accompaniments.

Structure (Form) Join in with a repeated section of a song: the chorus, the response.

Join in with the main tune when it is repeated.

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