Year 3

Musical Elements



Pulse/Beat/Metre Recognise and move in time with the beat.

Play the steady beat on percussion instruments.

Recognise the 'strong' beat.

Play in time with a steady beat in 2/4, 4/4 and 3/4.

Rhythm Recognise by ear and notation: minims, crotchets, quavers and their rests.

Copy simple rhythm patterns created from minims, crotchets, quavers and their rests.

Create simple rhythm patterns by ear and using simple notation from minims, crotchets,

quavers and their rests.

Alternate between a steady beat and rhythm.

Pitch (Melody) Show the shape of a melody as rising and falling in pitch.

Learn to sing a melody by ear or from notation.

Learn to rehearse and play a melodic instrumental part by ear or from notation. Identify the names of the pitched notes on a stave: C, D, E, F, F \sharp , G, A, B, B \flat , C.

Identify the scales of:

C major G major F major

Identify if a scale is major or minor.

Copy simple melodies by ear or from reading notation.

Create melodies by ear and notate them. Explore and play by ear or from notation:

5-note scalePentatonic scale

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. Control the speed of a steady beat, getting faster and getting slower.

Dynamics Listen out and respond to forte (loud) sections of music.

Identify instruments playing loud dynamics when listening to the music.

Use dynamics to help communicate the meaning of a song.

Timbre Choose particular instruments for rehearsal and performing.

Identify the sound of different tuned and untuned percussion instruments.

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

Add body percussion accompaniments. Listen to the accompaniment to a song.

Identify large numbers of people playing and singing.

Listen out for solo players.

Structure (Form) Show the different sections of a song structure or piece of music through actions.