Year group	Performing	Composing	Appraising
3	 Do they sing songs from memory with increasing expression, accuracy and fluency? Do they maintain a simple part within an ensemble? Do they modulate and control their voice when singing and pronounce the words clearly? Can they play notes on tuned and un-tuned instruments with increasing clarity and accuracy? Can they improvise (including call and response) within a group using the voice? Can they collaborate to create a piece of music? Listening Describe music using appropriate vocabulary Begin to compare different kinds of music Recognise differences between music of different times and cultures. 	 Can they create repeated patterns using a range of instruments? Can they combine different sounds to create a specific mood or feeling? Do they understand how the use of tempo can provide contrast within a piece of music? Can they begin to read and write musical notation? Can they effectively choose, order, combine and control sounds to create different textures? Can they use silent beats for effect (rests)? Can they combine different inter-related dimensions of music, e.g. fast/slow, high/low, loud/soft, in their composition? 	 Can they use musical words (pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo) to describe and give their opinion on a piece of music? Can they evaluate and improve their work, explaining how it has improved using a success criterion? Do they know that music can be played or listened to for a variety of purposes (including different cultures and periods in history)? Are they able to recognise a range of instruments by ear? Can they internalise the pulse in a piece of music?
Year 3 Greater depth:	Can they sing/play rhythmic patterns in contrasting tempo; keeping to the pulse?	 Can they create accompaniments for melodies? Can they compose a simple piece of music that they can recall to use again? Do they understand metre in 4 beats; then 3 beats? 	 Can they recognise changes in sounds that move incrementally and more dramatically? Can they compare repetition, contrast and variation within a piece of music?
4	 Can they perform a simple part of an ensemble rhythmically? Can they sing songs from memory with increasing expression, accuracy and fluency? 	• Can they use notations to record and interpret sequences of pitches?	• Can they explain why silence is used in a piece of music and say what effect it has?

	 Can they improvise using repeated patterns with increasing accuracy and fluency? Listening Describe what they hear using a wider range of musical vocabulary Recognise how the inter-related dimensions of music are used by composers to create different moods and effects Understand the cultural and social meaning of lyrics Appreciate harmonies, drone and ostinato Explore ways the way in which sounds are combined towards certain effects Understand the relationship between lyrics and melody. 	 Can they use notations to record compositions in a small group or on their own? Can they use notation in a performance? 	 Can they start to identify the character of a piece of music? Can they describe and identify the different purposes of music? Can they use musical words (pitch, duration, timbre, dynamics, tempo) to describe a piece of music and composition?
Year 4 Greater depth:	Can they use selected pitches simultaneously to produce simple harmony?	 Can they explore and use sets of pitches, e.g. 4 or 5 note scales? Can they show how they can use dynamics to provide contrast? 	Can they identify how a change in timbre can change the effect of a piece of music?
5	 Can they sing and use their understanding of meaning to add expression? Can they perform 'by ear' and from simple notations? Can they improvise within a group using melodic and rhythmic phrases? Can they recognise and use basic structural forms e.g. rounds, variations, rondo form? 	 Can they begin to use standard notation? Can they use their notations to record groups of pitches (chords)? Can they choose the most appropriate tempo for a piece of music? Can they use technology to compose music which meets a specific criterion? Listening 	 Can they describe, compare and evaluate music using musical vocabulary? Can they suggest improvements to their own or others' work? Can they choose the most appropriate tempo for a piece of music?

	 Can they maintain their part whilst others are performing their part? Listening Describe, compare and evaluate different kinds of music using an appropriate and broad musical vocabulary Analyse and compare features from a wide range of music Discern and distinguish layers of sound and understand their combined effect 	 Identify cyclic patterns – verse and chorus, coda Recognise how different inter-related dimensions of music are combined and used expressively in many different types of music. 	 Can they identify and begin to evaluate the features within different pieces of music? Can they contrast the work of established composers and show preferences?
Year 5 Greater depth:	 Can they use pitches simultaneously to produce harmony by building up simple chords? Can they devise and play a repeated sequence of pitches on a tuned instrument to accompany a song? 	 Can they identify (and use) how patterns of repetitions, contrasts and variations can be organised to give structure to a melody, rhythm, dynamic and timbre? 	 Can they explain how tempo changes the character of music? Can they identify where a gradual change in dynamics has helped to shape a phrase of music?
6	 Can they begin to sing a harmony part? Can they begin to perform using notations? Can they take the lead in a performance? • Can they take on a solo part? Can they provide rhythmic support? Can they perform parts from memory? Listening Evaluate differences in live and recorded performances Consider how one piece of music may be interpreted in different ways by different 	 Do they recognise that different forms of notation serve different purposes? Can they combine groups of beats? Can they use a variety of different musical devices in their composition? (e.g. melody, rhythms and chords) 	 Can they refine and improve their work? Can they evaluate how the venue, occasion and purpose affects the way a piece of music is created? Can they compare and contrast the impact that different composers from different times will have had on the people of the time? Can they analyse features within different pieces of music?

	performers, sometimes according to venue and occasion		
Year 6	Can they perform a piece of music which	Can they show how a small change of	Can they appraise the introductions,
Greater	contains two (or more) distinct melodic or	tempo can make a piece of music more	interludes and endings for songs and
depth:	rhythmic parts, knowing how the parts will fit	effective?	compositions they have created?
	together?	 Do they use the full range of chromatic 	
		pitches to build up chords, melodic lines	
		and bass lines?	