

Year 4 Music – Developing Singing Voice

Key Vocabulary

Pulse	The steady beat in music
Rhythm	A pattern of short and long sounds
Melody	A sequence of notes
Dynamics	How loud or quiet sound is
Tempo	The speed of music.
Ostinato	A short, repeated rhythm or melody
Crescendo	Gradually getting louder
Diminuendo	Gradually getting softer
Harmony	The combination of different musical notes played or sung at the same time.
Ensemble	A group of musicians performing together

Learning Progression

Building on prior learning; deepening understanding of musical elements, rhythm, pitch and performance skills.

Develop a vocabulary of musical terms and begin to use them when talking about music.

Recognise the structure of a song; verse, chorus.

Understand how music is represented in a written form using graphic notation.

Listen with concentration to a piece of music.

Use percussion instruments to improvise a short rhythm phrase.

Demonstrate basic understanding of staff notation – Use of lines and spaces to show pitch, rhythm.

Sticky learning

New Knowledge

Understand the importance of listening to others while performing independent parts.

Understand the elements of a good performance (posture, breathing, focus)
Understanding beat and rhythm.

Recognise dynamic and tempo changes and how they affect mood in music.

Begin to explore the concept of harmony.
Understand how different notes combine to create melodies.

Reflect on how different musical elements combine in performance.

New Skills

Sing in unison as well as in rounds.

Ability to maintain accurate pitch.

Control dynamics while singing. Begin to

explore expressive qualities of music.

Read and perform rhythm from basic notation.

Develop instrumental ensemble skills.

Create a performance incorporating singing, playing tuned and untuned percussion, and dynamics.

DYNAMICS



Crescendo =
Gradually get
louder



Decrescendo =
Gradually get
soft



Symbols to represent pitch



Crotchet – 1 beat



Pair of quavers – 1 beat



Minim – 2 beats



Crotchet rest – 1 beat