



Musical Activities	Knowledge	Skills
Listen and Appraise	• To know five songs from memory and who sang them or wrote them.	• To confidently identify and move to the pulse.
	 To know the style of the five songs. 	 To think about what the words of a song mean.
	 To choose one song and be able to talk about: 	• To take it in turn to discuss how the song makes
	 Its lyrics: what the song is about 	them feel.
	 Any musical dimensions featured in the song, and where they 	• Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's
	are used (texture, dynamics, tempo, rhythm and pitch)	thoughts about the music.
	 Identify the main sections of the song (introduction, verse, 	
	chorus etc.)	
	 Name some of the instruments they heard in the song 	
Games and Warm-up	• Know how to find and demonstrate the pulse.	Using the Warm up Games tracks provided, complete
	 Know the difference between pulse and rhythm. 	the Bronze, Silver and Gold Challenges. Children will
	• Know how pulse, rhythm and pitch work together to create a song.	complete the activities in relation to the main song,
	 Know that every piece of music has a pulse/steady beat. 	using two notes.
	• Know the difference between a musical question and an answer.	
Singing	To know and be able to talk about:	• To sing in unison and in simple two-parts.
	 Singing in a group can be called a choir 	 To demonstrate a good singing posture.
	 Leader or conductor: A person who the choir or group follow 	 To follow a leader when singing.
	• Songs can make you feel different things e.g. happy, energetic or sad	 To enjoy exploring singing solo.
	 Singing as part of an ensemble or large group is fun, but that you 	• To sing with awareness of being 'in tune'.
	must listen to each other	• To have an awareness of the pulse internally when
	 To know why you must warm up your voice 	singing
Playing Instruments	To know and be able to talk about:	• To treat instruments carefully and with respect.
	 The instruments used in class (a glockenspiel, a recorder) 	• Play any one, or all of four, differentiated parts on
		a tuned instrument – a one-note, simple or medium
		part or the melody of the song) from memory or
		using notation.
		• To rehearse and perform their part within the
		context of the Unit song.
		• To listen to and follow musical instructions from a
		leader.

Improvisation	 To know and be able to talk about improvisation: Improvisation is making up your own tunes on the spot When someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to them To know that using one or two notes confidently is better than using five To know that if you improvise using the notes you are given, you cannot make a mistake 	Improvise using instruments in the context of the song they are learning to perform. Using the improvisation tracks provided, children will complete the Bronze, Silver or Gold Challenges
Composition	 To know and be able to talk about: A composition: music that is created by you and kept in some way. It's like writing a story. It can be played or performed again to your friends. Different ways of recording compositions (letter names, symbols, audio etc.) 	 Help create at least one simple melody using one, three or five different notes. Plan and create a section of music that can be performed within the context of the unit song. Talk about how it was created. Listen to, reflect upon the developing composition, and make musical decisions about pulse, rhythm, pitch, dynamics and tempo. Record the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation)
Performance	 To know and be able to talk about: Performing is sharing music with other people, an audience A performance doesn't have to be a drama! It can be to one person or to each other You need to know and have planned everything that will be performed You must sing or rap the words clearly and play with confidence A performance can be a special occasion and involve an audience including of people you don't know It is planned and different for each occasion It involves communicating feelings, thoughts and ideas about the song/music 	 To choose what to perform and create a programme. To communicate the meaning of the words and clearly articulate them. To talk about the best place to be when performing and how to stand or sit. To record the performance and say how they were feeling, what they were pleased with what they would change and why.