Skills

Composing Progression Ladder

Knowledge



- Technique & musicality: improvise and refine rhythms and melodic ideas, demonstrating a sense of musical phrase.
- Notation: combine rhythmic and pitch notation selecting the most appropriate notation to record musical ideas.
- Creative process: identify the strengths and areas for development in a piece.
- Technique & musicality: develop rhythmic and melodic ideas of greater length and musical
- Notation: demonstrate increased confidence and accuracy using various forms of notation to record musical ideas.
- Creative process: improvise, explore and combine sounds with growing confidence, taking simple ideas to develop further in composition.
- Technique & musicality: link rhythmic and melodic patterns into structured responses.
- Notation: demonstrate increasing confidence in recording ideas using sign and symbols including graphic score and pitch and rhythm notation.
- Creative process: contribute appropriate ideas expressing musical opinions for creating and improving work.
- Technique & musicality: demonstrate application of the inter-related dimensions of music. Begin to experiment with given notes to create simple patterns and melodic ideas in response to a stimulus or theme.
- Notation: begin to record ideas using sign and symbols including graphic score, pitch and rhythm notation.
- Creative process: contribute ideas individually and in group work with consideration of the structure and theme of the music.
- Technique & musicality: select sounds to demonstrate mood or message and explore and use changes in pitch dynamics, duration and tempo.
- Notation: use images to structure pieces using graphic score. Select symbols for rhythm and
- Creative process: share ideas to create pieces with simple structure.
- Technique & musicality: explore timbre, pitch, duration, dynamics and tempo and explore sound in relation to mood or message.
- Notation: begin to explore how images can be used to create graphic scores and explore symbols for rhythm and pitch.
- Creative process: express opinions when selecting and describing sounds to create music.
- Technique & musicality: explore and create sounds using voice, body percussion, instruments and found sounds and explore how sounds can be changed from loud to quiet, fast to slow and high to low.
- Notation: introduced to symbols and images to convey sound.
- Creative process: create new verses, words and actions to a song and create sequences of sounds in response to a given stimulus.

- Year
- Technique & musicality: know that intentionally combining the inter-related dimensions of music will create effect.
- Notation: know that using rhythmic variety and changes in pitch will help to make my piece sound interesting.
- Creative process: understand that certain notes when performed together create different effects such as consonant and dissonant sounds.
- Year 5
- Technique & musicality: know that repeating a musical idea helps to develop the sound of the overall piece.
- Notation: know that certain pitches compliment each other when accompanying a melody.
- Creative process: know that composition involves using a variety of instruments, different pitches, repeated and contrasting rhythms, and the inter-related dimensions.

Year 4

- Technique & musicality: know that applying the inter-related dimensions of music can create effects in response to a stimulus.
- Notation: understand that a pentatonic scale uses five notes.
- Creative process: know that structuring my work will help with the overall effectiveness of a piece.

Year 3

- **Technique & musicality:** know that combining rhythm and pitch gives us a melody.
- Notation: understand that I can combine rhythm with pitch to create rising and falling phrases.
- Creative process: know that having a clear beginning and end will help with the overall sound of the piece.

Year 2

- Technique & musicality: know that different sounds can be used to represent different characters, emotions and moods.
- Notation: know that changing the size of an image or how often it appears can show changes in dynamics and tempo.
- Creative process: know that ideas can be represented through movement, singing and playing.

Year

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- Technique & musicality: know that playing an instrument with less force or effort will make it sound quieter.
- Notation: know that I can use images and symbols to create a score showing when to play and when to stop.
- Creative process: know to explore different ideas before deciding what to do.

Technique & musicality: know that different instruments make different sounds. Notation: know that I can order images to create sounds.

Creative process: understanding the words of a song will help me to decide on actions or sounds.