



Kingsway Primary School – Inspired to Make a Difference Together

Music Knowledge Progression

EYFS

- Recognise and respond to different sounds
- Understand basic musical concepts: loud/quiet, fast/slow
- Begin to recognise pulse and rhythm
- Know that music can represent feelings and ideas

Year 1

- Know what pulse, rhythm and pitch are
- Know how music can represent mood
- Recognise simple instruments and sounds
- Know basic musical vocabulary (loud, quiet, fast, slow)

Year 2

- Know how rhythm patterns are structured
- Know how pitch can change within music
- Recognise different styles of music
- Know how music can tell a story

Year 3

- Know how musical elements combine (pitch, tempo, dynamics)
- Know how music is structured (verse, chorus)
- Know about a range of musical genres

- Begin to understand simple notation

Year 4

- Know how different musical elements interact
- Know how rhythm patterns are organised
- Know key musical vocabulary linked to performance and composition
- Understand notation in more detail

Year 5

- Know how music varies across cultures and time periods
- Know how musical structures are developed
- Understand more complex notation
- Know how music can evoke emotion and atmosphere

Year 6

- Know how musical elements combine for effect
- Know how composers structure music
- Understand notation fluently
- Know how music reflects culture and history