Junior Music skills Progression						
	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
Listen and appraise	To confidently identify and move to the pulse.	To confidently identify and move to the pulse.	To identify and move to the pulse with ease.	To identify and move to the pulse with ease.		
	To think about what the words of a song mean. To take it in turn to discuss how the song makes them feel. Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music.	To talk about the musical dimensions working together in the Unit songs e.g. if the song gets louder in the chorus (dynamics). Talk about the music and how it makes them feel. Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music. When you talk try to use musical words	To think about the message of songs. To compare two songs in the same style, talking about what stands out musically in each of them, their similarities and differences. Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music. When you talk try to use musical words. To talk about the musical dimensions working together in the Unit songs. Talk about the music and how it makes you feel.	To think about the message of songs. To compare two songs in the same style, talking about what stands out musically in each of them, their similarities and differences. Listen carefully and respectfully to other people's thoughts about the music. Use musical words when talking about the songs. To talk about the musical dimensions working together in the Unit songs. Talk about the music and how it makes you feel, using musical language to describe the music.		
Games	Using two notes: Find the Pulse Clap and say back rhythms Create your own simple rhythm patterns	Using two notes: Find the Pulse Clap and say back rhythms Create your own simple rhythm patterns	Using three notes: Find the pulse Copy back rhythms based on the words of the main song, that include syncopation/off beat Copy back one-note riffs using simple and syncopated rhythm patterns Copy back two-note riffs by ear and with notation	Using three notes: Find the pulse Copy back rhythms based on the words of the main song, that include syncopation/off beat Copy back one-note riffs using simple and syncopated rhythm patterns Copy back two-note riffs by ear and with notation		
Singing	To sing in unison and in simple two- parts.	To sing in unison and in simple two- parts.	To sing in unison and to sing backing vocals.	To sing in unison and to sing backing vocals.		

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	To demonstrate a good singing posture.	To demonstrate a good singing posture.	To enjoy exploring singing solo.	To demonstrate a good singing posture.
	To follow a leader when singing.	To follow a leader when singing.	To listen to the group when singing.	To follow a leader when singing.
	To enjoy exploring singing solo.	To enjoy exploring singing solo.	To demonstrate a good singing posture.	To experience rapping and solo singing.
	To sing with awareness of being 'in tune'.	To sing with awareness of being 'in tune'. • To rejoin the song if lost. • To listen to the group when singing.	To follow a leader when singing. To experience rapping and solo singing.	To listen to each other and be aware of how you fit into the group.
	To have an awareness of the pulse internally when singing	isten to the group when singing.	To listen to each other and be aware of how you fit into the group.	To sing with awareness of being 'in tune'.
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Playing	To treat instruments carefully and with respect.	To treat instruments carefully and with respect.	Play a musical instrument with the correct technique within the context of the Unit song.	Play a musical instrument with the correct technique within the context of the Unit song.
	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	Play any one, or all 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	Select and learn an instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts – 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.	Select and learn an instrumental part that matches their musical challenge, using one of the differentiated parts – 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.
	instructions from a leader.	To experience leading the playing by making sure everyone plays in the playing section of the song.	To listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader. To lead a rehearsal session.	To listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader. To lead a rehearsal session
Improvisation	Listen and copy back using instruments, two different notes.	Listen and copy back using instruments, two different notes.	Copy back using instruments. Use the three notes.	Copy back using instruments. Use the three notes.
	Using your instruments, listen and play your own answer using two different notes.	Using your instruments, listen and play your own answer using two different notes.	Question and answer using instruments. Use three notes in your answer. Always start on a G	Question and Answer using instruments. Use three notes in your answer.

	Take it in turns to improvise using three different notes.	Take it in turns to improvise using three different notes.	Improvise using three notes.	Improvise using three notes.
Composition	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	Help create at least one simple melody using one, three or all five different notes. Plan and create a section of music that	Create simple melodies using up to five different notes and simple rhythms that work musically with the style of the Unit song.	Create simple melodies using up to five different notes and simple rhythms that work musically with the style of the Unit song.
	the unit song. Talk about how it was created.	can be performed within the context of the unit song.	Explain the keynote or home note and the structure of the melody.	Explain the keynote or home note and the structure of the melody.
	Listen to and reflect upon the	Talk about how it was created.	Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make	Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions
	developing composition and make musical decisions about pulse, rhythm, pitch, dynamics and tempo.	Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions about pulse, rhythm,	musical decisions about how the melody connects with the song.	about how the melody connects with the song.
	Record the composition in any way	pitch, dynamics and tempo.	Record the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the	Record the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the
	appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation)	Record the composition in any way appropriate that recognises the connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation).	connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation).	connection between sound and symbol (e.g. graphic/pictorial notation).
Performance	To choose what to perform and create a programme.	To choose what to perform and create a programme.	To choose what to perform and create a programme.	To choose what to perform and create a programme.
	To communicate the meaning of the words and clearly articulate them.	Present a musical performance designed to capture the audience.	To communicate the meaning of the words and clearly articulate them.	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 communicate the meaning of the words and clearly articulate them.	To talk about the venue and how to use it to best effect.	To talk about the venue and how to use it to best effect.
	To record the performance and say how they were feeling, what they were pleased with what they would change	To talk about the best place to be when performing and how to stand or sit.	To record the performance and compare it to a previous performance.	To record the performance and compare it to a previous performance.
	and why	To record the performance and say how they were feeling, what they were pleased with what they would change and why.	To discuss and talk musically about it – "What went well?" and "It would have been even better if?"	To discuss and talk musically about it – "What went well?" and "It would have been even better if?"