

MUSIC EXPRESS

AGE
7-8

Age 7-8 year plan

A whole year of teaching:

TERM 1: AUTUMN

TERM 2: SPRING

TERM 3: SUMMER



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AUTUMN 1

UNIT DESCRIPTION

ENVIRONMENT

Weeks 1-3

Musical focus: Composition

Subject link: Geography

The children explore songs and poems about places. They create accompaniments and sound pictures to reflect sounds in their local environment.

BUILDING

Weeks 4-6

Musical focus: Beat

Subject link: DT

The sights and sounds of a building site provide the inspiration for exploring and creating rhythms. The children play games, sing and compose music to build into a performance.

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AUTUMN 2

UNIT DESCRIPTION

SOUNDS

Weeks 7-9

Musical focus: Exploring sounds

Subject link: Geography

How are sounds produced and classified? The children explore timbre and structure through musical conversations in music from around the world.

POETRY

Weeks 10-12

Musical focus: Performance

Subject link: English

Three contrasting poems are explored and developed. The children use voices, body percussion, instruments and movement to create their own expressive performances.

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SPRING 1

UNIT DESCRIPTION

CHINA

Weeks 1-3

Musical focus: Pitch
Subject link: Mathematics

The children explore the pentatonic scale and ways of notating pitch. They listen to traditional Chinese music, sing, read and compose music, ending in a musical celebration of Chinese New Year.

TIME

Weeks 4-6

Musical focus: Beat
Subject link: Mathematics

The children develop their understanding of beat, metre and rhythm. They combine melodic and rhythmic patterns, and use staff notation as part of a final performance.

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SPRING 2

UNIT DESCRIPTION

IN THE PAST

Weeks 7-9

Musical focus: Pitch
Subject link: PE

The origins of pitch notations are introduced as the children make hand signals and compose three-note melodies. They learn basic dance steps and prepare a performance.

COMMUNICATION

Weeks 10-12

Musical focus: Composition
Subject link: Computing

The children learn to make music inspired by technology and computing. They explore and compose sounds for earcons, emoticons, mobile phone ringtones, computer games and apps.

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SUMMER 1

UNIT DESCRIPTION

HUMAN BODY

Weeks 1-3

Musical focus: Structure

Subject link: Science

Skeleton dances and songs teach the children about the human body. Percussion instruments are used to improvise, create word rhythms, and build a final skeleton dance.

SINGING FRENCH

Weeks 4-6

Musical focus: Pitch

Subject link: Languages

Un, deux, trois and away we go to enhance language learning through songs. Children are introduced to French greetings, vocabulary and numbers as they play lively singing games.

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SUMMER 2

UNIT DESCRIPTION

ANCIENT WORLDS

Weeks 7-9

Musical focus: Structure

Subject link: History

Explore ancient Greece with music inspired by Orpheus, Echo and Theseus. The children perform a song cycle and a round, and compose their own ostinati.

FOOD AND DRINK

Weeks 10-12

Musical focus: Performance

Subject link: DT

A feast of chants, songs and performances. Composing word rhythms, singing a round, and creating musical recipes will develop the children's skills from breakfast through to dinner time!