



Dovedale Primary School Subject Overview

Music



	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Reception	Me! Learning to sing or sing along with nursery rhymes and action songs	My Stories Learning to sing or sing along with nursery rhymes and action songs	Everyone Musical Activities that embed pulse, rhythm and pitch, explore voices and classroom instruments	Rhythm in the Way we Walk Learn about other styles of music such as hip hop	Big Bear Funk Focus on improvisation in a funk style.	In the Groove Exploring different music genres such as Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra and Folk
Year 1	My Musical Heartbeat Focus on 'pulse' or the 'beat' of the music. When listening and singing to music and songs	Dance, Sing and Play! Focus on long and short sounds called 'rhythm' and high and low sounds that we call 'pitch'	Exploring Sounds Focus on high and low sounds, long and short sounds, and loud and quiet sounds.	Learning to Listen Focus on listening to understand the elements of music	Having Fun with Improvisation Focus on improvising a melody or a rhythm.	Let's Perform Together! Focus on performing as a group.
Year 2	Pulse, Rhythm and Pitch Continue to develop understanding of pulse, rhythm and pitch	Playing in an Orchestra Learning about the orchestra	Inventing a Musical Story Using music to tell a story and show feelings	Recognising Different Sounds Introduction to the use of harmony in songs	Exploring Improvisation Develop improvisation using notes.	Our Big Concert Focus on performing as a group.
Year 3	Writing Down Music Explore notes, crotchets and rhythms on a stave	Three Little Birds Develop an understanding of Reggae music.	Compose Using Your Imagination Compose a melody.	More Musical Styles Focus on 'dynamics'. Loud sounds are called 'forte', and quiet sounds are called 'piano'.	Enjoying Improvisation Finding out about music structures such as verse and chorus.	Let You're Spirit Fly Develop an understanding of R'n'B music.
Year 4	Musical Structures Look at patterns within the structure of music and songs	A Spooky Story Introduction to music technology	Compose with your Friends Look at key signatures.	Mamma Mia Explore 70's pop through Abba.	Expression and Improvisation Use improvisation to express feelings and use dynamics	Blackbird Explore the music of local band – The Beatles.
Year 5	Melody and Harmony in Music Explore harmony and melody.	Livin' on a Prayer Develop an understanding of Rock music	Composing and Chords Using chords in composition.	Hip Hop Continue to develop music technology	Freedom to Improvise Improvise using 'intervals' (the distance between two pitches)	Dancing in the Street Develop and understanding of Motown music
Year 6	Music and Technology Compare live music with digital technology	Developing Ensemble Skills Perform together following a leader using dynamics, expression and notation	Grime Continue to develop music technology	Happy Develop an understanding of Pop music	Improvising with Confidence Improvise using phrases.	Music in Me Explore how music can help you to express your identity.