Music Vocabulary Progression Document





Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Listen	As EYFS plus:	As Year One Plus:
Follow	Respond	Lyrics
Chant	Perform	Rhythm - ta, teh-teh
Repeat	Movement	Pulse – steady beat
Sound	Warm up	Pitch - soh me lah
Song	Improvise	Dynamics – loud and
Action	Perform	quiet
Move, rock, sway, tap,	Audience	Timbre – sound quality
swing	Singing voice	Percussion
Stop	Thinking voice	Phrase
Start	Pitch –soh me	Verse
Sing	Pulse-tempo	Chorus
High, low		Volume
Fast, slow		Call and response.
Loud, quiet		Conductor
Pulse		Improvise
Rhythm		Compose
Instrument		Tuned percussion
Shake-shaker	Shaker – Maracas	Untuned percussion
Drum	Finger Bells – Zils	Scraper - Guiro/multi
Tambour	Tambourine	guiro
Finger bell	Triangle	Drum- Djembe/Bongo
Claves	Castanets	Shakers - Caxixi
	Wood Block	Afuche Cabasa
		Woodblock – wooden
		agogo
		Xylophone
		Glockenspiel

- Pulse the regular heartbeat of the music; its steady beat.
- Rhythm long and short sounds or patterns that happen over the pulse.
- Pitch high and low sounds.
- Tempo the speed of the music; fast or slow or in-between.
- Dynamics how loud or quiet the music is.
- **Timbre** all instruments, including voices, have a certain sound quality e.g. the trumpet has a very different sound quality to the violin.
- **Texture** layers of sound. Layers of sound working together make music very interesting to listen to.
- Structure every piece of music has a structure e.g. an introduction, verse and chorus ending.
- Notation the link between sound and symbol.