# **Skills Progression**

# How does this look in our curriculum?

#### EYFS:

### Pupils should be given opportunities to:

- Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs
- Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others
- when appropriate try to move in time with music.

The use of songs, movement and rhyme will be used to develop transferable skills to support all seven areas of learning and development. In particular:

- language skills
- memory skills,
- coordination and motor skills.
- Counting skills
- developing self confidence, co-operation and turn taking skills
- following the melody.

# Reception

# **Singing/Performing:**

- Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs of interest (movies, performances)
- Sing simple songs from memory.
- Perform songs and rhymes with others
- Perform to their peers
- Move in time with the music in a group
- Children clap short rhythmic patterns in a group and play 'copy me'
- Experiment with creating sounds with different instruments and resources and perform in a group and to one another

# Composing

- Make a range of sounds with their voice
- Make a range of sounds with instruments and other resources (tins, sticks)
- Begin to sequence sounds to create a rhythm or beat
- Join in with simple clapping patterns
- Begin to copy and perform simple rhythm patterns using instruments
- Begin to make sounds/suggestions to represent an image/topic/theme

#### **Notation**

- Be able to select visual representation of they sounds I make or hear using pictures and symbols.
- I can order symbols and pictures on a simple graphic score to create my own composition.

Music in our Reception Class takes the form of continuous provision, is an integral part of the routine of each day and is not allocated a specific 'lesson slot' other than weekly KS1 singing assemblies which are attended by Reception class children within a few weeks of joining our school community.

Singing lies at the core of our EYFS music curriculum.

Children will be encouraged to use and develop their singing voice using songs as an integral part of daily routines.

ie: Hello Songs in the Morning,

Tidy up songs,

Lunchtime Songs, etc.

Their listening and internalising skills will be developed with the use of copy-cat songs and movements to go with action songs.

'Silent Singing' will help to develop memory skills.

Turn -taking songs and singing games will develop a sense of cooperation, teamwork and self confidence.

Action songs will be used to develop a sense of pulse, as well as developing coordination skills and spatial awareness.

Vocabulary skills will be developed using songs which fit with Seasons of the year and Topics.

Counting skills and understanding of Number will be developed with the use of counting songs.

Children will be encouraged to listen to the sounds in their immediate environment, and to be able to describe what they hear using a range of adjectives, ie: rustling/gentle/scary/loud/quiet, etc.

Children will be encouraged to respond to music using movement. Scarves, ribbons, etc will be used to encourage a response in movement.

# **Listening, Appraising and Understanding**

- Can say if they like or dislike a piece of music they hear.
- Begin to describe the sounds, using key vocabulary (e.g. loud, quiet, high, low, fast, slow)
- Begin to express how music makes them feel
- Identify a range of musical instruments by name such as drum, guitar, tambourine, maracas
- Can identify how an instrument might be played e.g. bang, shake

A varying selection of materials which can be used to create sounds, will be available for the children to explore, including a selection of percussion instruments which can be categorised/identified as tappers, shakers or scrapers.