



Rotherhithe Primary School Music Curriculum Map 2025-2026



	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Music Nursery	<u>Getting Started: Ready, set, action</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to participate in actions and songs and to move to a steady pulse.	<u>Feel the beat!</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to move, tap and play wooden instruments to a steady beat.	<u>Finding one's voice</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to use and distinguish types of voice.
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Music Reception	<u>Tuning and Timing</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to sing in a group and alone with reasonable tuning and timing.	<u>All by myself</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to tap, play and move to a pulse and begin to recognise high/low pitches.	<u>It's all in the head</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to use thinking voice/internalisation of sound.
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Music Year 1	<u>Sounds Interesting</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to identify different sounds and to change and use sounds expressively in response to a stimulus.	<u>The long and the short of it</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to discriminate between longer and shorter sounds, and to use them to create interesting sequences of sound.	<u>Exploring Pulse and Rhythm</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to recognise and play rhythms from known songs with a sense of pulse.
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Music Year 2	<u>Taking Off - Exploring Pitch</u> Unit Aim: To discriminate between higher and lower sounds and understand the soh/me interval	<u>What's the score?</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to recognise different ways sounds are made and how they can be changed.	<u>Exploring Pulse and Rhythm</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to read and play rhythm phrases confidently and explore the mood of recorded music.



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Music Year 3	<u>Animal Magic</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to create, rehearse and perform a short, descriptive composition and continue to extend rhythm and pitch understanding.	<u>Play it again!</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to play simple rhythmic patterns and perform them from rhythm notation.	<u>The Class Orchestra</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to combine and perform rhythmic and melodic material as part of a class performance of a song.
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Music Year 4	<u>Exploring Pentatonic Scales</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to recognise and use pentatonic scales and to work with 4 x 4 beat phrases.	<u>Painting with Sound</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to create, perform and analyse expressive compositions and extend their sound vocabulary.	<u>Exploring Singing Games</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to read rhythm notation and for children to adapt and perform playground songs.
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Music Year 5	<u>Cyclic Patterns</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to perform rhythmic patterns confidently and with a strong sense of pulse.	<u>Rounderbout</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to sing and play music in 2 parts and transfer known songs to tuned instruments.	<u>Journey into Space</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's familiarity with keyboards, to introduce chords and for children to compose a soundscape.
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Music Year 6	<u>Songwriter</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to compose a song.	<u>Keyboard</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to play known songs on keyboard with correct fingering. To develop	<u>Composition</u> Unit Aim: To develop children's ability to compose and improvise as part of a class piece.



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