

CUSP Music long-term sequence

There is a significant focus on revisiting throughout the curriculum with the aim of pupils mastering key knowledge and skills that can be built on as they move through the programme of study.

Year	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block E	Block F
1 Tuned and untuned percussion	Singing	Untuned percussion	Singing	Untuned percussion	Singing	Tuned percussion
	Singing focus: Being together in music	Untuned focus: Introducing rhythm and pulse	Singing focus: Introducing pitch	Untuned focus: Introducing tempo and dynamic	Singing focus: Exploring emotions through music	Tuned focus: Experimenting with sounds (duration)
	Control the voice – nursery rhymes	Representing sounds pictorially	Identify changes in sounds (high / low)	Identify changes in sounds (fast / slow, loud / soft)	Responding to music	Representing sounds pictorially
2 Tuned and untuned percussion	Untuned percussion	Singing	Untuned percussion	Singing	Tuned percussion	Singing
	Untuned focus: Experimenting with sounds 2	Singing focus: Being together in music 2	Untuned focus: Introducing rhythm and pulse 2	Singing focus: Introducing pitch 2	Tuned focus: Introducing tempo and dynamic 2	Singing focus: Exploring emotions through music 2
	Exploring ostinato	Control the voice – sing as a choir	Compose short patterns	Control and describe pitch	Control and describe tempo and dynamic	Choose sounds to create an effect
3 Mastering the glockenspiel	Singing	Untuned percussion	Singing	Glockenspiel	Glockenspiel	Range of instruments studied
	Singing focus: Introducing texture	Untuned focus: Mastering rhythm	Singing focus: The history of singing	Tuned focus: Musical notation	Tuned focus: Composition	Performance focus: Introducing timbre
	Sing parts in an ensemble (e.g. rounds)	Recognise beats in a bar (time signatures / metre)	Singing for togetherness e.g. folk songs, war chants, hymns	Introduce the staff	Compose in pairs	Perform as an ensemble (range of instruments)
4 Mastering the glockenspiel	Untuned percussion	Singing	Glockenspiel	Singing	Glockenspiel	Range of instruments studied
	Untuned focus: Mastering rhythm 2	Singing focus: Introducing texture 2	Tuned focus: Musical notation 2	Singing focus: The history of singing 2	Performance focus: Composition 2	Tuned focus: Introducing timbre 2
	Follow beats in a bar (time signatures / metre)	Sing parts in an ensemble (harmony)	Revisit the staff	Singing for entertainment, e.g. opera, theatrical, modernism	Perform including an element of composition	Identify and describe how sounds are combined
5 Mastering the keyboard	Untuned percussion	Singing	Keyboard	Singing	Range of instruments studied	Keyboard
	Untuned focus: Musical stories	Singing focus: Introducing structure	Tuned focus: Musical notation 3	Singing focus: Music technology	Performance focus: Composition 3	Tuned focus: Improvisation
	One piece, different performers	Identify parts of a song	Follow musical notation	Alter pitch and dynamic to create effects	Perform including an element of composition	Improvise using repeated patterns
6 Mastering the keyboard	Singing	Untuned percussion	Singing	Keyboard	Keyboard	Range of instruments studied
	Singing focus: Musical stories 2	Untuned focus: Music technology 2	Singing focus: Introducing structure 2	Tuned focus: Musical notation 4	Tuned focus: Composition 4	Performance focus: Improvisation 2
	Cultural and social – lyrics	Alter tempo and rhythm to create effects	Identify cyclic patterns inc. verse / chorus, coda	Create simple notation	Improvise using melodic phrases	Perform including an element of improvisation