This is an example of a unit of work for Music. All our units of work for Music are planned in the same format and knowledge is linked to previous and future lessons. The progression map for Music has been followed when planning all units. All our Music lessons start with a retrieval exercise. Medium term plans are reviewed and adapted as necessary.

## **Music Medium Term Plan**

Year Group: 3	Unit: Notation & I	Duration and Dynamics	Term: Spring 1		
Previous Learning Children have created and defined dynamics and followed directions when performing. Children have begun to recognise notation for simple rhythms.			In Year 4, children understand how pitch is notated on a stave and use dynamics for effect		
Concepts to be developed  Further develop knowledge of using notation with different rhythms. Sing and play with dynamic changes, defining more complex changes in dynamics.		9	Loud, quiet, getting louder, getting quieter, spiky, smooth, dynamics, loud, very loud, quiet, very quiet, getting louder, getting quieter, forte, piano, crescendo, diminuendo, staccato,		
Key knowledge to be taught in this unit  Experience the use of simple score notation when composing and performing.  Confidently recognises crochet, minim and quaver rhythms.  Confidently reads notation for and clap a 4 beat pattern.  Sing songs and play music with dynamic changes.  Use the terms crescendo and decrescendo to describe the dynamic changes.  Recognise and maintain silence when required.  Use dynamics to create a specific mood or effect.		Reading across the Curricu	lum Linked to the topic		
Lesson Teaching Objective	and Learning including Flashback		What to look for	Vocabulary	Resources
Lesson 1 1.	What is pulse?		Can they respond to	Pulse; beat;	How Far I'll Go

	2. What is rhythm?	performance directions	duration;	
Confidently	3. What is pitch?	(e.g. verbal instructions,	rhythm;	Music PPT
recognises	4. What are dynamics?	copying actions)?	minim;	
crochet,			crotchet;	Coordination Funk
minim and	Key Knowledge:	Can they use movement	quaver;	
quaver	<ul> <li>Confidently recognises crochet, minim and quaver rhythms.</li> </ul>	to show their	tempo;	No Place Like by
rhythms.		understanding of	faster	Kerry Andrew
•	Singing Starter	different note values?		,
	Learn verses 1 and chorus of How Far I'll Go			
		Can they begin to		
	Main Activity	recognize and name		
	Lies Coordination Funk and play the instrumental track invite the class to isin in	note values (minim,		
	Use Coordination Funk and play the instrumental track. Invite the class to join in	crotchet, quaver)?		
	as you <b>move to the <u>pulse</u> of the music</b> (e.g. waving arms, tapping shoulders, moving hips).			
	As well as getting your class moving to the pulse, develop their understanding of			
	musical note lengths. Play the instrumental track and ask everyone to perform			
	the following actions to a four-beat pulse:			
	Stretch – 2 beats (minim)			
	Stamp – 1 beat (crotchet)			
	Clap-clap – 2 ½ beats (quavers)			
	Practise each action separately, and then perform as a sequence. Once everyone			
	is confident, call out an action (stretch, stamp or clap) and get the class to			
	respond with the appropriate movement.			
	Make sure everyone is performing the actions to the steady <u>pulse</u> .			
	Discuss the duration of each action and introduce the formal notation for each			
	rhythm. Look at the <u>rhythm</u> wall and ask questions such as: Which note has the			
	longest duration? ( <u>minim</u> ) Which note has the shortest duration? ( <u>quaver</u> ) How			
	many beats is the <u>crotchet</u> worth? (One beat)			
	Repeat the movement activity, asking the class to follow the rhythmic <u>notation</u> .			
	Plenary – listen to No Place Like by Kerry Andrew			

	What different sounds can you hear in this piece of music? Choose a section of the music – what does this part make you think of?			
Confidently reads notation for and clap a 4 beat pattern.	1. What song did we sing last lesson? 2. How long is a crotchet? 3. How long is a quaver? 4. What is a 2 beat note called?  Key Knowledge: • Confidently reads notation for and clap a 4 beat pattern. • Recognise and maintain silence when required.  Singing Starter Recap verses 1 and chorus from last week. Begin to learn verse 2  Main Activity:  Play Doctor Onomatopoeia. Get children moving to the pulse of the music. Then, select a line and ask the class to clap the rhythm of the words.  Develop children's understanding of musical notation using some Beat  Monsters! Create some monsters using coloured pom-poms and googly eyes. Choose monsters to represent silent beats (rests). In our example, they are pink. Then, introduce a monster of a different shade (e.g. blue) and place an eye on it to represent a sound. Experiment with different arrangements of sounds and silence, e.g.  When the children are ready, introduce them to the two-eyed monster. Here, the eyes represent a subdivision of the beat (i.e. one beat can be split into two parts). In formal notation, this is equivalent to two quavers.	Can they use graphic notation (Beat Monsters) to represent rhythms (crotchets, paired quavers, rests)?  Can they perform simple phrases with a good sense of rhythm?	Rhythmic pattern; copy; notation; sound; silence; rest; beat; crotchet; quavers	How Far I'll Go  Music PPT  No Place Like by Kerry Andrew  Pom Poms – 3 different colours.  Googly sticky eyes  Doctor Onomatopoeia

	Show the children the following arrangement of <u>beat</u> monsters:			
	Listen to <i>Doctor Onomatopoeia</i> and <b>clap the <u>rhythm</u></b> of the words 'what do you hear?' used in the <b>first <u>verse</u></b> . Explain that <b>this rhythm is represented by the <u>beat</u> monsters above</b> . Try clapping the rhythm together.			
	Plenary – listen to No Place Like by Kerry Andrew			
	What instruments can you hear? Choose a section of the music – how could we move to the music?			
Lesson 3	<b>«</b>	Can they compose four-beat rhythm patterns?	Rhythmic pattern;	Pom Poms
Experience the use of	<ol> <li>How many beats is a crotchet?</li> <li>What is a quaver?</li> </ol>	Can they use graphic	copy; notation;	How Far I'll Go
simple score notation when	<ul><li>What is a quaver?</li><li>What piece of music are we listening to?</li><li>What is pulse in music?</li></ul>	notation (Beat Monsters) to represent rhythms (crotchets,	sound; silence; rest; beat;	No Place Like
composing and	Key Knowledge  • Experience the use of simple score notation when composing and	paired quavers, rests)?	<u>crotchet;</u> quavers	

performing.	performing.	Can they perform		
	Singing Starter:	simple phrases with a		
	Continue to learn to the end of the song.	good sense of pitch and rhythm?		
	Main Activity			
	Last week we used beat monsters to create rhythms from the song Doctor Onomatopaeia. Today, we are using the beat monsters to create our own composition.			
	Recap the different note lengths for each coloured pom pom. If children are confident with these, add in another colour to make a minim (2 beats).			
	Give each pair a selection of pom poms. Can they now compose their own rhythm pattern using 8 of the pom poms? (2 4-beat phrases).			
	Once the children have composed their piece. They need to choose how they will play their music – clapping/ tapping/ stamping?			
	Give children a chance to practise their composition and then ask children to come to the front to perform.			
	Extra challenge – can children play someone else's composition from their notation?			
	KEEP PICTURES OF THESE COMPOSITIONS WE WILL COME BACK TO THEM LATER!			
	Listening Plenary – play No Place Like by Kerry Andrew			
	What different rhythms can you hear in this piece of music? What do the rhythms make you think of?			
Lesson 4	1. What does pitch mean?	Can they control changes in dynamics	Dynamics;	How Far I'll Go
Sing songs	2. What different voices can we sing with?	(forte, piano,	<u>piano;</u> <u>forte;</u> <u>diminuendo;</u>	Picture Cards

and play	3. Who is our composer this half term?	crescendo,	crescendo	
music with	4. Play Good Morning, can we clap the pulse?	diminuendo) when		Music Italiano
dynamic		singing?		
changes.	Key Knowledge:	0		No Place Like by
	Sing songs and play music with dynamic changes.	Can they experiment with vocal and body-		Kerry Andrew
	Singing Starter	percussion sounds to		
	Singing starter	create effects and		
	Sing through song – where are the tricky bits?	perform them		
		expressively (e.g.		
	Main Activity:	changing dynamics)?		
	Explore Music Italiano. It is a great way to learn Italian music vocabulary and the	Can they follow and		
	first verse demonstrates the language of dynamics very clearly.	lead musical directions		
		(e.g. hand signals to		
	Next, ask the class to perform some simple body percussion (e.g. tap knees).	indicate changing dynamics)?		
	Model with yourself as the conductor first using hand gestures to control the	dynamics):		
	volume of the sound produced by the class, e.g.			
	Silence: palms together			
	Quiet, piano: palms slightly apart			
	Getting louder, crescendo: move palms further apart			
	Getting softer, diminuendo: move palms together			
	Loud, <u>forte</u> : palms apart, arms stretched wide			
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	Now choose a child to be the conductor. Can the class follow the musical			
	instructions given by the conductor?			
	Next, <b>display some picture cards</b> showing a variety of sound sources (e.g. jumbo			
	jet, helicopter, ice-cream van, a group of chatting friends). Next, choose one of			
	the cards and ask the rest of the class to improvise vocal or body-percussion			
	sounds to match. Give children time to explore different effects and share			
	creative examples with the rest of the class.			
	Then, ask one child to hold one of the cards and walk slowly from one side of the			

	room to the other. The rest of the class should improvise the relevant sound effects. Discuss how the sound should start softly in the distance (piano); get louder as the child moves into the centre of the room (crescendo), and fade (decrescendo) as it reaches the other side.  Try recording the activity and play this to the class. Can everyone recognize and describe the dynamic changes?  Plenary – listen to No Place Like by Kerry Andrews  What dynamics can you hear? What do the loud sounds make you think of? What do the quiet sounds make you think of?			
Lesson 5  Use the terms crescendo and diminuendo to describe the dynamic changes.	1. What are dynamics? 2. What does forte mean? 3. What does piano mean? 4. Who is our composer?  Key Knowledge • Use the terms crescendo and diminuendo to describe the dynamic changes.  Singing Starter Sing through How Far I'll Go. Can we add dynamic changes into our performance?  Main Activity:  Explore the song Sing Anyway, focussing on dynamics. The third verse and fourth verse are sung twice, first time forte and second time pianissimo. The fourth verse also uses a crescendo in the final line.	Can they identify changes in dynamics?  Can they use musical vocabulary to describe dynamics?  Can they control simple dynamics (e.g. forte, piano, crescendo, diminuendo) when singing?	Dynamics; pianissimo piano; mezzo piano; mezzo forte; forte; fortissimo; diminuendo; crescendo	Sing Anyway  How Far I'll Go  Beethoven's 5 <sup>th</sup> Symphony  No Place Like by Kerry Andrew

	Explore Dynamics - the important ones are piano, forte and diminuendo and			
	crescendo!			
	Create a list of body actions that correspond to different music dynamics to help			
	children to understand and demonstrate various levels of volume in music, e.g.			
	Pianissimo: both index fingers on lips			
	Piano: one finger on lips			
	<ul> <li>Mezzo piano or mezzo forte: hands behind ears</li> </ul>			
	Forte: fists clenched			
	<ul> <li><u>Fortissimo</u>: arms out to the side and fingers stretched</li> </ul>			
	Try to add <b>diminuendos</b> and <b>crescendos</b> to your body actions!			
	Practise by using music that you can either adapt in volume or that <b>demonstrates</b>			
	different dynamics throughout the piece – the first movement of Beethoven's			
	Symphony No. 5 is a great example to work with.			
	Plenary – No Place Like			
	Can we use the dynamic actions we did last week to show the dynamic changes in the			
	music?			
	How would you describe the dynamics in this piece of music?			
Lesson 6	<ol> <li>What piece of music have we been listening to?</li> </ol>	Can they perform simple	Call and	How Far I'll Go
	2. What is volume called in music?	part songs (call and	response;	
Use dynamics	3. What is the musical word for loud?	<u>response</u> ),	echo;	Beat Monsters/
to create a	4. How many beats in a minim?	understanding how their	<u>melody</u> ;	Pictures of Week 3
specific mood	Kau Kraviladas	part fits with others?	rhythm;	compositions.
or effect.	Key Knowledge		<u>pulse</u> ; loud;	
	Use dynamics to create a specific mood or effect.	Can they create rhythms	forte; strong;	Knock Knock
	Singing Starter	from spoken phrases?	quiet; <u>piano</u> ;	
	Singing Starter		soft;	Listening Logs
	Perform How Far I'll Go with the dynamics added. FILM THIS AND BLOG.	Can they organize	<u>crescendo</u> ;	
		musical ideas into a <u>call-</u>	<u>diminuendo</u> ;	No Place Like
	Main Activity:	and-response structure?		
	A few weeks ago we created beat monster compositions. Today we are	Can they control simple		
	· · · · · ·	<u>dynamics</u> when singing		

adding dynamics to these compositions.	and playing?	
First, talk to the children about call and response songs:		
<u>Call-and-response</u> songs use a musical <u>phrase</u> in which the first <u>melody</u> or <u>rhythm</u>		
is echoed or responded to by another (or the same) melody or rhythm.		
Practise creating call and response patterns. Listen to the song Knock Knock.		
What knock knock jokes do we know? Collect ideas. Choose one of the jokes and		
split the class into 2 groups. One group is the asker and the other group is the answerer. Practise sharing the joke back and forth, clapping the rhythm of the		
words.		
Now can we add in some dynamics? Collect ideas – maybe the first question is loud and the answer is quiet, maybe the questioner gets louder whilst the		
answerer gets quieter. Experiment with the children's ideas.		
M/h and the greatest and a company of this process and a 2.4 heart where the greatest and a company of the greatest and a comp		
When we created our composition, we created 2 4-beat phrases. We are going to turn these call and response patterns. Children in their pairs choose the dynamics		
they are going to add. Practise their call and response pattern with these		
dynamics. Film and blog this.		
Plenary – listen to Kerry Andrew No Place Like		
Complete listening log. Emphasise dynamic and notation vocabulary we		
have been learning about.		