Music Topic Overview

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Nursery	Learn to perform actions in time with pulse of songs or rhymes and tap the rhythm of songs	Identify a song by its rhythm	Work with visual representation of the pulse (hearts) in several songs
	Respond to sung instructions and signals games	Work with Q&A songs and games and explore different kinds of voice (speak, sing, whisper) also be able to alter the speed of a song	Learn to distinguish between loud and quiet, fast and slow, speak and sing; be able to perform in these ways
Reception	Learn the concept of pulse ('heartbeat') and later the word 'pulse'	Learn to distinguish between rhythm and pulse through Q&A songs and games	Explore the concept of pulse, song, rhyme, `thinking voice`, rhythm and rest
	Learn the word 'rhythm' and to compare the rhythms of songs.	Learn to perform actions in time with pulse of a song or rhyme, and move from simple to complex actions	Create visual representations of rhythm combined with pulse for known songs
1	Learn the fundamentals of beat and rhythm	Learn about the piece 'Mars' by Gustav Holst	Learn more about beat and pulse and use our singing voices
	Learn about rhythm and pitch and sing new songs and chants	Learn about pieces with 3 and 5 notes (the pentatonic scale)	Learn about music notation for 1 beat and ½ a beat notes and 1 beat rests.
2	Learn the fundamentals of beat and rhythm and explore simple patterns	Learn to compose whilst listening to Vaughn Williams 'The Lark Ascending'	Learn how to move to music and how it can describe animals
	Learn about dynamics and how this can affect the emotions in music	Learn how music can tell stories	Use instruments to play as a band
3	Develop musicianship and learn about the composer Elgar	Develop sense of pulse and beat and learn how to play djembes	Learn about music of the world - Indonesia - Brazil
	Learn about different timbres and tone qualities and how to apply them to our own compositions	Learn about Reggae and how to compose using different chords	- Mexico - China - South Africa
4	Learn new chants and songs to develop our sense of pulse, beat, rhythm and pitch and	Learn about sea shanties and write our own	Learn to play the keyboard
	internalise them further	Learn more about notation and texture techniques such as rounds	Learn about Jazz and Blues
5	Learn to play the ukulele	Learn how to compose through the music of Dr Who	Learn about the music of Gershwin
		Learn about Ravi Shankar and the Raga	Learn about Hip Hop
6	Learn to play instruments such as keyboards, guitars and ukulele as a class band	Learn how to compose through the music of Anna Meredith	Learn about music technology and how to sequence, loop and record
		Learn about Hans Zimmer and film music	