



# Progression of Musical vocabulary



Music						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Action, beat, clap, listen, instrument, join in, loud, melody, pulse, quiet, rhythm, scratchy, sing, smooth, sound, speed, tempo, texture, volume, pluck, hit, blow, shake	Pulse, rhythm, pitch, rap, improvise, compose, melody, perform, singers, loud, softly, quiet, percussion, pulse, rhythm, pitch, groove, audience, imagination, tradition, lyrics, samba, national anthem, plucking, banging, shaking, blowing	Keyboard, drums, bass, electric guitar, saxophone, trumpet, pulse, rhythm, pitch, improvise, compose, audience, question and answer, melody, dynamics, tempo, perform/ performance, audience, glockenspiel, yodelling	Structure, intro/ introduction, verse, chorus, improvise, compose, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, hook, melody, texture, structure, hook, riff, melody, pentatonic scale, imagination, sound score, notation	Keyboard, electric guitar, bass, drums, improvise, compose, melody, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture, structure, compose, improvise, hook, riff, melody, solo, pentatonic scale, unison, rhythm patterns, musical style, rapping, lyrics, choreography, digital/electronic sounds, turntables, synthesizers, by ear, notation, backing vocal, piano, organ, acoustic guitar, percussio	backbeat, amplifier, chorus, bridge, riff, hook, improvise, compose, appraising, structure, tune/head, note values, note names, pulse, rhythm, solo, ballad, verse, interlude, strings, piano, guitar, bass, drums, melody, cover, backing loops, unison, melody, cover, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, bass line, brass section, harmony, melody, synthesizer, music software, soul, groove, rap, hip-hop, harmony	Style indicators, melody, compose, improvise, cover, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure, dimensions of music, Neo Soul, producer, groove, Motown, hook, riff, solo, Blues, Jazz, improvise/improvisation , by ear, melody, riff, solo, ostinato, phrases, unison, Urban Gospel, civil rights, gender equality, unison, graphic scores, bar lines, staves

### \*The Interrelated Dimensions of Music (Dimensions)

- Pulse – the regular heartbeat of the music; its steady beat.
- Rhythm – long and short sounds or patterns that happen over the pulse.
- Pitch – high and low sounds. - Tempo – the speed of the music; fast or slow or in-between.
- Dynamics – how loud or quiet the music is.
- Timbre – all instruments, including voices, have a certain sound quality e.g. the trumpet has a very different sound quality to the violin.
- Texture – layers of sound. Layers of sound working together make music very interesting to listen to.
- Structure – every piece of music has a structure e.g. an introduction, verse and chorus ending.
- Notation – the link between sound and symbol.

