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Statements for Music in the Early Years Foundations Stage are based on 'Early Years Outcomes' (Department for Education, September 2013) and the Sounds of Intent Framework (University of Roehampton, 2002).

National Curriculum Links

KS1	Pupils should be taught to:
1a	Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes
1b	Play tuned and untuned instruments musically
1c	Listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music
1d	Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music.
KS2	Pupils should be taught to:
2a	Play and perform in solo and ensembles context, using their voices and playing musical instruments with
	increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression.
2b	Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music.
2c	Listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory.
2d	Use and understand staff and other musical notations
2e	Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions
	and from great composers and musicians.
2f	Develop and understanding of the history of music.

Progression Scheme for Singing

STAGES	STAGE A	STAGE B	STAGE C	STAGE D
Key Stage guide	EYFS	NC KS1	NC Lower KS2	NC Upper KS2

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S.1 Engagement and Using the	Enjoys joining in with familiar rhymes and songs.	1a	Enjoys joining in with chants, rhymes and singing simple songs.	2a 2e 2f	Sings, with increasing confidence, fluency and expression, songs from different traditions, genre and	2a 2e 2f	Sings confidently, fluently and maintaining a strong pulse, songs from a range of traditions, genre
Voice	Makes a variety of vocal sounds including speaking and singing.	1a	Uses own voice in a variety of ways, with growing confidence, exploring the sounds a speaking and singing voice make.	2a	times. Uses own voice in a variety of ways, including vocal warm ups.	2a	and times. Understands why and how to warm up the voice.
S.2 Pitch Skills	Sings cuckoo notes (3 rd) Sings a widening range of notes (5 th), following the melodic shape of a familiar song.	1a	Sings broadly in tune within a limited pitch range (octave) and with the sense of the shape of a melody or intervals jumps.	2a 2c	Sings accurately in tune within a limited pitch range, following a melody or interval jumps.	2a	Sings accurately in tune within a wider pitch range (*octave and half*) and appropriate individual vocal range.
	Imitates vocal sounds and melodic shapes.	1a	Imitates melodic patterns in echoes.				
S.3 Singing with Control and Expression	Begins to enjoy experimenting with changing a song (e.g. dynamics, tempo)	1a	Begins to control steady expressive changes in songs and chants (e.g. dynamics, tempo).	2a	Sings songs and speaks chants with increasing expression (e.g. dynamics, tone, phrasing).	2a	Uses dynamics, phrasing, emphasis and accents to create intended effects.
				2a	Sings with clear diction and breathing.	2a	Sings with an awareness of breathing, posture and diction.
S.4 Ensemble skills and part- singing	Makes own sounds to get a response. Enjoys taking turns.	1a	Sings in unison, in small and large groups, and may sing solo.	2a	Sings in unison and in short solos.	2a	Sings confidently in unison and solo.
	Enjoys singing with others, gradually more in time and in tune.	1a	Sings in time with others, with or without an accompaniment.	2a 2c	Maintains a simple part in a large group with two or more layers (rounds, drones and ostinato).	2a 2c	Maintains an independent part in a small group with several layers and being aware of other parts (rounds, drones, ostinato and harmony).
	Starts and stops to a variety of signals.	1a	Follows simple musical instructions (e.g. start and stop).	2a 2c	Follows musical instructions (e.g. dynamic changes).	2a	Follows more complex musical instructions (e.g. in part singing).

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S.5 Performing	May enjoy singing solo and in a group.	1a	Performs in a group with a good sense of pulse and rhythm, knowing when to start and stop.	2a	Performs confidently in a group and may occasionally perform a solo.	2a	Performs confidently in a group and solo with expression and variety.
		1a	Beginning to be aware of an audience during special performances.	2a	Shows an awareness of audience and a sense of occasion during special performances.	2a	Performs in a way that reflects the meaning and impact of the lyrics to an audience.
S.6 Understanding song structure	Internalises songs and makes up alternative endings. Grasps simple structures (e.g. verse & chorus AB)	1c	Recognises the sections of a song may be the same or different (e.g. verse and chorus, cumulative song).	2a 2c	Recognises different song structures (call and response, verse and chorus, cumulative).	2a 2c	Understands more complex song structures.
				2a 2c	Differentiates between contrasting sections (e.g. verse and chorus) and show awareness of simple phrase structure or repetition.	2a	Identifies phrases through breathing appropriately.

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Progression Scheme for Playing

STAGES	STAGE A		STAGE B	STAGE C			STAGE D		
Key Stage guide	EYFS	NC	KS1	NC	Lower KS2	NC	Upper KS2		
P.1 Creating and Exploring Sound	Makes sounds confidently in different contexts by banging, shaking or blowing using body and objects.	1b 1d	Enjoys playing and exploring sounds.	2a 2b	Confidently explores and creates sounds.	2a 2b	Creates and performs sounds with accuracy		
P.2 Controlling Sounds on Instruments (keeps beat, dynamics,tempo)	Makes regular beats.	1b	Keeps a steady pulse	2a 2c	Plays a steady beat, internalising pulse. Indicates steady beat by movement including in silence	2a 2c	Plays with others keeping to a common pulse		
	Shows control in holding and playing instruments. Learns how sounds can be changed and plays instruments in a variety of ways.	1b 1b	Controls and demonstrates changes in dynamics and tempo Shows control, playing clearly and with increasing confidence	2a 2b	Plays instruments with clarity, controlling subtle changes in dynamics and tempo including crescendo/ diminuendo. accelerando/rallentando	2a 2b 2c	Plays instruments with confidence and expression		
	Uses sounds to symbolise things.	1b 1d 1b	Selects instrumental timbres to create sound effects Selects high/low ascending/ descending pitches where appropriate.						
P.3 Rhythm Skills (playing a pattern, etc)	Makes rhythmic patterns by repeating sounds deliberately.	1b 1c 1b	Responds to sounds of different duration Recognises difference between	2a	Performs simple rhythmic patterns and ostinati to an internalised pulse	2a 2b 2a	Performs complex rhythmic patterns to an internalised pulse Recognises a metre of 3 & 4		
- · ·	Plays chunks of rhythms or syllables of names/words.	1b	long and short sounds Recognises and copies simple patterns of long/short sounds			2c 2a 2c	Recognises a change in metre		

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P.4 Pitch Skills	Makes melodic patterns by repeating sounds deliberately.	1b 1d 1b	Identifies and selects high/low high/low ascending/ descending pitches where appropriate. Plays simple melodic patterns	2a	Performs simple melodies and pitched ostinati to an internalised pulse	2a 2c	Performs complex melodies and pitched accompaniments to an internalised pulse
P.5 Ensemble skills	Plays with others. Can start and stop to a variety of signals. Follows directions.	1b	Follows instructions on when to play	2a	Follows a leader directing changes and start/stops.	2a	Leads a group and follows a leader directing changes in musical expression
	Deliberately copies sounds, words or vocal noises others make and plays sounds for others to copy.			2a 2b 2c	Maintains own part in a group piece playing rhythm on rhythm and holding a beat	2a 2b 2c	Maintains an independent part in an ensemble
				2a 2c	Recognises the melodic line and an accompaniment in a texture	2c	Understands how the texture might vary
P.6 Playing from Notation	Can change how they play when following 2 pictures (e.g. loud for a lion and quiet for mouse)	1b	Plays from a picture score	2d	Plays using various notation as support (Graphic scores, rhythm notation e.g. crotchets and quavers)	2d	Plays using notation as support (Staff & rhythm notation, graphic scores)
P.7 Performing	Plays with others and follows directions.	1b	Performs in a group with good sense of pulse and rhythm	2a	Performs with an awareness of a group and to an audience	2a	Performs confidently in a group and solo, with expression and variety.
P.8 Understanding instruments and how they are	Identifies and match instrumental sounds. Describes the sounds of	1b 1d 1b	Matches selected sounds with their pictured source Uses sound words or phrases to	2b	Selects appropriate instruments and plays in a variety of ways	2a 2b	Organises sounds effectively using a variety of instruments and styles
played	instruments.	1d	describe selected sounds and the ways in which they are produced				

Progression Scheme for Improvising and Composing

STAGES	STAGE A		STAGE B		STAGE C		STAGE D
Key Stage guide	EYFS	NC	KS1	NC	Lower KS2	NC	Upper KS2
IC.1 Exploring Sounds	Makes sounds with voice, body & objects.	1a 1b 1d	Explores sounds with voice, body or instruments	2a 2b	Explores and improvises sounds or musical patterns with voice, body or instruments.	2b	Selects and use instruments, creative sound-makers or playing techniques to improvise sounds or patterns.
IC.2 Choosing and Organising Sounds	Uses sounds to symbolise things or chooses the sound they want e.g. loud or quiet	1d	Selects sounds to represent ideas and feelings.	2b	Selects and orders sounds effectively to represent ideas or feelings, or to tell a story.	2a 2b	Selects, orders, combines and changes sounds, imaginatively and with expression, to represent ideas, moods or feelings, or tell a story.
IC.3 Creating music within structures	Fills in missing word from a rhyme or song	1a 1d	Improvises within given songs, chants or ostinati.	2a 2b	Creates rhythms, melodies, lyrics or accompaniments within simple or given musical structures.	2a 2b	Creates and combines rhythms, melodies, harmonies or lyrics within own musical pieces effectively.
1C.4 Improvising to demonstrate musical ideas	Improvises different ways to play instruments. Makes suggestions.	1b 1d	Improvises to demonstrate a simple musical idea (loud/quiet, fast/slow, high/low).	2a 2b	Improvises, with growing confidence and control with voice or instruments to demonstrate musical changes or contrasts.	2a 2b	Improvises imaginatively and expressively with voice or instruments using inter-related dimensions of music.
IC.5 Communicating ideas or moods	Uses sounds to symbolise ideas. Uses facial expressions or vocal changes to indicate moods or emotions.	1b 1d	Improvises or composes to communicate ideas or moods.	2a 2b	Improvises and composes effectively to communicate ideas or moods	2b	Improvises and composes imaginatively to communicate ideas & moods
IC.6 Improvising rhythms & tunes	Improvise new pieces in time and in tune	1b 1d	Improvises simple rhythms or tunes	2a 2b	Improvises with growing confidence rhythms or simple tunes within musical structures (e.g. a beat, ostinato or chord sequence)	2a 2b	Improvises rhythms and tunes within musical structures (e.g. a beat, ostinato or chord sequence) confidently and imaginatively.
IC.7 Creating and Performing own music in a group	Responds to others by making own sound Makes sounds to get a response.	1d	Contributes ideas to a composition and perform this solo or as a class or group.	2a 2b	Composes and performs solo or with class or group, contributing ideas to create songs, chants or pieces.	2a 2b	Composes and perform solos and with others effectively and imaginatively to create songs, chants or pieces
IC.8 Using Notation		1d	Uses pictures, graphic symbols or rhythm notation as support to improvise, compose or record own music.	2b 2d	Uses given or own notation (graphic symbols or rhythm notation) to improvise, compose and record compositions.	2b 2d	Uses notation (graphic scores, rhythm or staff notation) to support & record composition to improvise, compose and record own compositions.

Progression Scheme for Critical Engagement (Listening and Appraising)

STAGES	STAGE A		STAGE B		STAGE C		STAGE D
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guide							
CE.1	Follows with eyes/turns	1c	Listens with growing focus to	2c	Listens to, and comments on, high	2c	Listens to and evaluates a range of high
Listening to a	head to a sound source.		a range to high quality live	2e	quality live and recorded music	2e	quality live and recorded music from
Range of Live,	Attend to music all the		and recorded music.	2f	from different traditions, genre,	2f	different traditions, genre, styles and
Recorded and	way through.				styles and times with increasing		times with concentration and
own Music.					focus and attention to detail.		discernment, and share opinions, using musical language.
CE.2	Identifies sounds as, e.g.	1c	Listens out for, and responds	2c	Listens to several layers of sound,	2c	Listens to several layers of sound,
Differentiating	environmental sounds or		to, sounds that differ, e.g. in		identifying musical elements or		identifying musical elements or
between	those that match		dynamics, pitch, timbre,		features and discussing their		features, discussing their effect and
Sounds	instruments		tempo, etc.		effect.		justifying ideas.
CE.3	Recognises distinctive	1c	Recalls simple rhythmic and	2c	Listens and recalls simple tunes,	2c	Listens and accurately recalls melodies,
Recognising	chunks of music and		melodic phrases.		played or notated rhythms with		rhythms, notated music or separate
and Recalling	accurately anticipates				increasing accuracy		parts in a group.
	changes.						
	Increasingly joins in with						
	regular songs or rhymes.						
CE.4	Responds to a wide	1c	Responds to sounds or music	2c	Responds to music through	2c	Responds to music through movement
Responding	variety of different		through physical movements.		movement to show understanding		to show understanding of mood, ideas,
through	sounds, regular beats and				of mood, ideas, or musical features		or musical features (e.g. beat,
movement	patterns of regular				(e.g. beat, crescendos).		crescendos).
	change in sound.					_	
CE.5	Describes e.g. the mood	1c	Listens and shares comments	2c	Listens to own music, commenting	2c	Listens to own work and others with
Describing	of music (e.g. happy) or		and opinions about music,		on it in order to improve it.		discernment, and share opinions, using
and	sounds of instruments		including to own work.				these ideas to improve own work.
appraising							