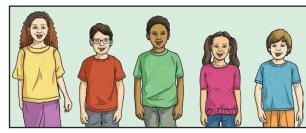
Model Music Curriculum Year 4

Key Vocabulary		
scale	A set of notes ordered in step by their pitch.	
score	The written down version of a piece of music.	
octave	A distance between two notes of the same letter name.	
time signature	Two numbers that sit on top of each other at the start of a section of music. They show how many beats are in a bar.	

Singing		
crescendo	When a composer wants music to get louder, they might use a symbol like this.	
decrescendo	When a composer wants music to get quieter, they might use a symbol like this. Another name for this symbol is diminuendo.	

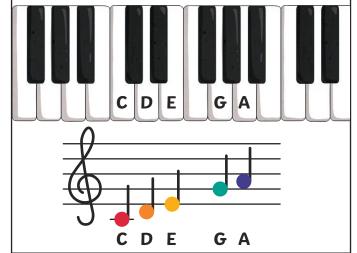
Performing Together		
round	A song in which two, three or four groups sing the same melody but starting at different times. The overlapping parts create harmony.	
partner song	A song made by combining two or more complete melodies that could be sung separately.	
melody and accompaniment	A melody which has another line of music played with it.	
duet	A piece of music or song that is performed by two people. Each performer in a duet is equally important.	



Musical Features		
Sections of music can have different types of sound, such as:		
staccato	When the notes sound short and spiky.	
legato	When the music sounds smooth and flowing.	

Pentatonic Scale

This is a scale made of five notes, such as C, D, E, G, A. It is often used in folk music.

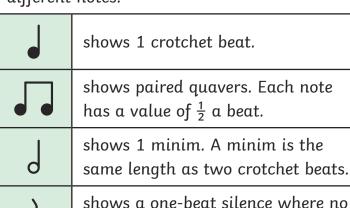






Rhythm Notation

You can write rhythms using a range of different notes:

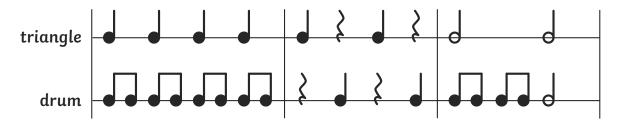


You can use these note lengths to make rhythm patterns or combine them with note names to write down melodies.

music is played.

Rhythms can be grouped into short phrases with 2, 3 or 4 beats in each phrase. Each phrase is one bar. These phrases or bars can be arranged into sequences. For example, each bar here adds up to 3 beats.

Rhythmic Scores



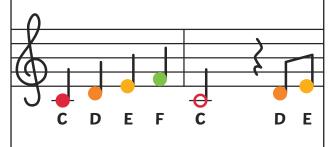
You can put rhythms together to create a rhythmic score. A score can sometimes have different instruments playing at the same time.

To play from a rhythmic score, you need to follow your own line of music and count carefully to play the right note lengths at the right time.

A conductor can help you to play as an ensemble (group) by showing you the tempo of the music. You could also use a metronome to help you to play together in time.

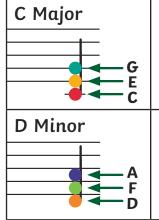
Staff Notation

We can use staff notation to write down a melody. Use the lines and spaces on the stave to show the pitch. Crotchets, quavers or minims show the rhythm.



Major and Minor Chords

A chord is a group of notes played together to create a musical effect.



When a chord sounds bright and happy it is usually a major chord.

When a chord sounds sad or spooky it is usually a minor chord.



