	Year 1 Music Curriculum					
Unit	Move to the Beat – Exploring pulse and rhythm	Exploring Sounds	High or Low			
National Curriculum	Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes Play tuned and untuned instruments musically Listen with concentration to a range of high-quality live and recorded music Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music					
End of Unit Outcomes	Learn to recognise pulse, matching movements to music Explore percussion instruments Perform simple instrumental accompaniments to familiar songs Create simple choreography and learn about dance traditions such as South African Gumboot Dancing and North Indian Kathak Dance	Explore how sounds can be produced in different ways using voices and instruments Sing simple songs, adding facial expressions and actions to enhance performance Recognise how composers using dynamics, tempo and timbre to reflect a character or theme Use song lyrics as a stimulus for a composition Compose short sound sequences to tell a story and perform them to each other Follow musical instructions and invent notation to represent sound sequences	Learn to identify and describe pitch Explore sounds created by a variety of different instruments and voice, describing their pitch and timbre Play simple listening games, identifying and copying simple pitch patterns Use a variety of tuned and untuned percussion instruments Compose simple sound effects to accompany sections of a story Compose pitch patterns and represent them using simple graphic notation Prepare songs for a class performance			
Overview	For children to understand pulse, they need to feel it and the songs and activities suggested for this term will help them do just that! This term, the children will learn to recognize pulse, matching movements to music. They will explore percussion instruments and perform simple instrumental accompaniments to familiar songs.  The children will progress to copying and creating simple rhythm patterns, eventually using simple graphic notations to represent these sounds. Throughout the term, they will be introduced to a range of music and create simple choreography for music such as Radetzky March by Strauss and Mattachins by Peter Warlock, as well as learning about different dance traditions such as South African Gumboot Dancing and North Indian Kathak Dance.	This term, the children will be exploring how sounds can be produced in different ways using voices and instruments. They will listen to a variety of music including Flight Of The Bumblebee and William Tell Overture, and will begin to recognize how composers use dynamics, tempo and timbre to bring a character or theme to life! They will learn to sing simple songs as a class, adding facial expressions and actions to enhance a performance. The children will explore song lyrics and use these as a basis for their own compositions.  Working as a class and in small groups, they will compose short sound sequences to tell a story or reflect a character and perform these to each other. They will learn to follow musical instructions and invent their own musical notation to represent a sequence of sounds.	This term, the children will be identifying and describing pitch. They will explore the sounds created by a variety of different instruments and voices, describing their pitch and timbre. They will play simple listening games and identify simple pitch patterns in a range of songs and music, recognizing when the pitch gets higher or lower. They will use a variety of tuned and untuned percussion instruments and compose simple sound effects to accompany sections of a story. They will compose pitch patterns and represent these using creative graphic notation tools such as pipe cleaners and coloured cubes! They will finish the term by preparing songs and music for a class performance			
Sequence of learning	Step 1:Exploring pulse through songs and movement What is Pulse? (1-2 lessons) To respond to music in creative ways To maintain a steady pulse  Step 2: Controlling pulse using voices and instruments Play To The Pulse (1-2 lessons) To play a steady pulse using percussion instruments To create a musical accompaniment To interpret a simple graphic score Our Big Band! (1-2 lessons) To play a steady pulse using untuned percussion instruments	Step 1: Exploring how sounds can be changed Ways to Play (1 lesson) To create a variety of different vocal sounds (longer and shorter, louder and quieter, higher and lower) To investigate different ways of playing an instrument  Step 2: Exploring the timbre of instruments and voices Unique Timbre (1 lesson) To explore vocal timbre To explore instrumental timbre  Step 3: Sequencing sounds to tell stories and create effects	Step 1: Recognizing changes in pitch and copying simple pitch patterns  Cuckoo Call (1-2 lessons)  To imitate changes in pitch  To improvise a two-note melody  Step 2: Performing simple melodic patterns using voices and pitched instruments  Climbing the Beanstalk (1 lesson)  To play and sing melodies that move up and down by step  To play a simple melodic accompaniment			

	To explore and discuss the properties of instruments and their sounds (timbre)  Step 3: Exploring the difference between pulse and rhythm March To The Beat (1 lesson) To explore pulse and rhythm through movement  Step 4: Copying and creating rhythmic patterns. Long Or Short? (2 lessons) To create musical patterns using longer and shorter sounds To represent sounds using simple graphic notation	Character Motifs (1-2 lessons) To create simple sound and movement motifs To perform a sequence of motifs using instruments  Step 4: Using graphic notation to represent sounds A Tiny Seed (2 Lessons) To experiment with musical texture To follow simple notation To create a graphic score	Step 3: Representing pitch  Pipe Cleaners (1 lesson)  To imitate changes in pitch  To use informal notation  Step 4: Creating music for a performance  Musical Sandwich (1-2 lessons)  To order sounds in a structure  To compose simple melodies  To perform simple rhythmic patterns based on spoken words	
Key knowledge (Skills)	Singing and Playing			
Vocabulary	Dynamics; pulse; tempo Tambourine; woodblock; shaker; drum; trumpet; horn; oboe; bassoon; contrabassoon; serpent; notation; graphic score; structure; verse soft; quiet; loud; saxophones; trombones; bass; piano;	Long; short; longer; shorter; loud; quiet; louder; quieter; softer; high; low; higher; lower; spiky; smooth; blow; tap; pluck; shake; scrape Unique; timbre; Dynamics; strong; soft; tempo; fast; slow; pitch;	Copy; improvise; higher; lower; melody; cuckoo call; pattern; repeat Up; down; pitch; notes C D E F G A B C; scale Structure; beginning; middle; end; perform	

Rhythm; pattern; four-beat rhythm; body percussion	character; describe; motif; tambourine; clave; glockenspiel; drum	
High; low; spiky; smooth; slide; tap; rub; shake; scrape; names of	texture; order; layers of sound; lyrics	
classroom percussion instruments		