St. James
C. of E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Key Vocabulary for Music

Across the year groups:

Elements of Music (Western Music)

Pulse – The regular heartbeat of the music; its steady beat.

Rhythm – A combination of notes and rests; long and short sounds/silences or patterns that happen over the pulse.

Pitch – High and low sounds/notes.

Tempo – The speed of the music; fast, slow or somewhere in between.

Dynamics – How loud or quiet the music is.

Timbre – The character or colour of a particular instrument or sound. All instruments, including voices, have a certain sound quality, eg the trumpet has a very different sound quality to the violin.

Texture – Layers of sound in music. Layers of sound working together make music very interesting to listen to.

Structure and Form – The shape of a piece of music and how it's put together. Every piece of music has a structure, eg an introduction, verse, chorus and ending.

Notation – The link between sound and symbol; how we write music down.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
EYFS	Listen, rhyme, melody, beat, instrument, perform, audience	Listen, rhyme, melody, beat, instrument, perform, audience	Rhythm, repeat, patterns, pulse, pitch, perform, audience	Rhythm, repeat, patterns, pulse, pitch, perform, audience	Volume, tambourine, drum, glockenspiel, maracas, shakers, percussion	Volume, tambourine, drum, glockenspiel, maracas, shakers, percussion
Year 1	**Style of Music:** Classical, Hip Hop, Jazz, Pop, Soul, Reggae, 20th and 21st Century Orchestral, Lullaby, Waltz, Funk, Swing, Country, Gospel **Instruments:** bass guitar, brass instruments, cymbals, double bass, drums, electric guitar, electric organ, flute, glockenspiel, guitar, harpsichord, keyboard, maracas, piano, saxophone, sleigh bells, steel pans, string instruments, synthesizer, trumpet, tuba, viola, violin, xylophone **General Vocabulary:** audience, beat, chorus, clap, , compose, copy back, count, film, groove, improvise, listen, march, marimba, melody, note, nursery rhyme, orchestra, percussion, perform, play, rattle, singer, smooth and spiky sounds, solo, songwriter, structure, musical style, verse, , vocals,					

Year 2	**Style of Music:** Soul, 20th Century Orchestral, Jazz, Rock, Pop, 20th and 21st Century Orchestral/Choral, Swing, Ragtime, Kwela, Rock 'n' Roll, Romantic, Marching Band, Gospel, Film Music, Calypso, Funk, Reggae **Instruments:** accordion, bass guitar, bassoon, bells, brass instruments, cello, clarinet, cornet, cymbals, double bass, drums, electric guitar, electric organ, euphonium, flute, French horn, glockenspiel, guitar, horn, keyboard, maracas, oboe, penny whistle, percussion, piano, pianola, piccolo, recorder, saxophone, steel pans, string instruments, synthesizer, tambourine, timpani, trombone, trumpet, tuba, viola, violin, woodblock, woodwind instruments **General Vocabulary:** audience, backing singers/vocals, beat, choir, chorus, compose, composer, composition, conductor, count in, groove, hymn, improvisation, improvise, instrumental, introduction, lead singer/vocals, lyrics, march, melody, musician, note, off-beat rhythms, one-man band, perform, performance, performer, play, rattle, scat singing, singer, smooth and spiky, solo, song, songwriter, sound, musical style, symphony, verse, vocals, voice, warm up
Year 3	**Style of Music:** 20th and 21st Century Orchestral music, Appalachian music, Country, Baroque, Pop, Disco, New Orleans Jazz, Film and TV Soundtracks, Folk, Sea Shanty, Ballad, Gospel, Musicals, Romantic, Rock, Native American, Soul, Hip Hop **Instruments:** bass, piano, synthesizer **General Vocabulary:** articulation, backing singers/ vocals/track, bar, barline, chorus, clef, compose, composition, crotchet, dotted crotchet, forte, hook, improvise, intro/introduction, key signature, lead singer/vocals, legato, major, melody, minim, minor, musical style, notation, ostinato, pentatonic scale, piano (Italian musical term for 'quiet/soft'), quaver, repeats, rests, rhythm patterns, riff, semibreve, semiquaver, scale, staccato, stave, time signature, tune, verse.
Year 4	**Style of Music:** 20th and 21st Century Orchestral music, Reggae, Soul, Ballad, Contemporary R & B, Electronic Dance Music (EDM), Pop, Folk, Jazz, Disco, Musicals, Classical, Romantic, Rock, Gospel, Medieval, Funk **General Vocabulary:** alto clef, articulation, backing singers/vocals/track, bar, barline, bass clef, choreography, compose, composition, crescendo, crotchet, digital/electronic sounds, diminuendo, dotted crotchet, dotted quaver, forte, fortissimo, hook, improvisation, improvise, key signature, legato, lyrics, major, melody, mezzo forte, mezzo piano, minim, minor, musical style, notation, ostinato, pentatonic scale, pianissimo, piano (quiet/soft), quaver, rap, repeats, rests, rhythm patterns, riff, semiquaver, solo, staccato, stave, time signature, tonality, treble clef, tune, unison.
Year 5	**Style of Music:** 20th and 21st Century Orchestral music, Gospel, Pop, Minimalism, Rock 'n' Roll, South African Pop, Jazz, Contemporary, Soul, Reggae, Film and TV Soundtracks, Hip Hop, Funk, Romantic, Contemporary R & B **General Vocabulary:** alto clef, amplifier, articulation, backbeat, backing track, bar, bass, bass clef, big band, bridge, chords, chorus, compose, composition, crescendo, crotchet, diminuendo, dotted crotchet, dotted minim, dotted quaver, dynamics, forte, fortissimo, groove, harmony, hook, improvisation, improvise, interlude, key signature, legato, major, melody, mezzo forte, mezzo piano, minim, minor, notation, note names, note values, ostinato, pianissimo, piano, quaver, rap, repeats, rests, rhythm patterns, riff, semiquaver, solo, staccato, stave, strings, syncopation, time signature, tonality, treble clef, triplet quaver, tune, unison, verse.
Year 6	**Style of Music:** 20th and 21st Century Orchestral music, Soul, Pop, Hip Hop, Jazz, Swing, Rock, Disco, Romantic, Rock 'n' Roll, Zimbabwean Pop, Folk, Gospel, Contemporary R & B, Salsa, Reggae, Film and TV Soundtracks **General Vocabulary:** alto clef, articulation, bar, bass clef, bassline, brass section, chords, compose, composition, crescendo, crotchet, Dimensions of Music, diminuendo, dotted crotchet, dotted minim, dotted quaver, forte, fortissimo, groove, harmony, hook, improvisation, improvise, key signature, legato, major, melody, mezzo forte, mezzo piano, minim, minor, notation, pianissimo, piano, quaver, repeats, rests, riff, semibreve, semiquaver, solo, staccato, stave, Style Indicators, syncopation, time signature, tonality, treble clef, triplet crotchet, triplet quaver, unison