

	Music at St Thomas' Primary School
Intent	At St Thomas', we believe that music is an essential part of a well-rounded education. Our Music policy is designed to provide a comprehensive and inclusive music education for all of our students. This policy outlines our approach to music teaching and learning, including curriculum content, assessment, and the use of resources and specialist staff.
Implement	We implement a music curriculum that aims to develop pupils' ability to listen, perform, create, and appreciate music. Through our music provision, we strive to:  • Ensure a broad and balanced music curriculum that meets the requirements of the 2014 National Curriculum in England
	Provide regular and high-quality music provision taught by qualified staff or specialists
	Have appropriate resources and instruments available for effective music teaching and learning
	Provide opportunities for pupils to perform individually and as part of an ensemble
	Demonstrate progression in knowledge and skills throughout Key Stages 1 and 2
	Assess and track pupils' progress in music, using a range of assessment methods
	Foster cross-curricular links to enhance pupils' understanding and appreciation of music in various contexts
	Promote equality and inclusion in music education, ensuring access for all students
Impact	Evidence through pupil voice and video assessments will show that children can confidently articulate and demonstrate their musical knowledge and understanding. Through our music provision, we strive to:  • Foster a love and appreciation for a wide range of musical genres and styles  • Enable pupils to develop their musical skills and knowledge progressively  • Provide opportunities for pupils to perform individually and as part of an ensemble  • Encourage creativity and expression through composing and improvising  • Develop an understanding of the cultural and historical dimensions of music  • Promote pupils' confidence, teamwork, and self-esteem
	Enhance pupils' ability to use music as a means of personal expression and communication
Context	"I come that they might have life and life in all its fullness." The Gospel of John 10 v 10.  In our community in Manchester, we have a rich musical history that resonates with the diverse families. While some families may not have a musical background, our school is fortunate to have a headteacher with a qualification in music and a senior leadership team that is passionate about fostering musical talent.



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At St Thomas', core values play a vital role in the teaching and learning of music as they guide educators in promoting creativity, expression, and collaboration. By emphasizing values such as discipline, perseverance, respect, and empathy, students develop a deep appreciation for music, acquire essential skills, and grow into well-rounded individuals who can contribute positively to society.	Music plays a crucial role in the holistic development of children. It enhances their cognitive, emotional, social, and physical skills. By engaging in musical activities, children develop creativity, self-expression, teamwork, and discipline. Music stimulates their imagination, fosters self-confidence, and provides a platform for personal growth and identity formation.	Our church is at the centre of our community and our school. We firmly believe in the intrinsic value of music in the sight of God. Through its harmonious melodies, rhythmic beats, and expressive lyrics, music transcends barriers and connects individuals on a spiritual level. It awakens our senses, evokes emotions, and fosters cultural understanding. Incorporating music in education allows students to cultivate their artistic sensibilities, develop critical thinking skills, and nurture a deep appreciation.						

#### Substantive

### **Substantive Knowledge**

In accordance with the 2014 National Curriculum in England, music education aims to develop students' substantive knowledge of various musical elements and concepts. Students are exposed to a wide range of musical styles, genres, and traditions, enabling them to understand and appreciate the significance of music in different cultures and historical contexts. They also acquire practical skills in performing, composing, and listening, fostering their creativity and musical expression.

### **Substantive Concepts**

Music education at St Thomas', encompasses a range of substantial concepts. These concepts aim to develop students' understanding and appreciation of music as an art form, which are progressively built upon each year.

#### Substantial concepts:

- Musical notation. Students are taught how to read, write, and interpret musical symbols and signs, enabling them to communicate and express themselves musically
- Musical performance. Through regular practice and ensemble work, students develop their technical skills and gain firsthand experience of performing in front of an audience
- Music theory plays a crucial role in the curriculum. Students learn about scales, intervals, chords, and harmonies, deepening their knowledge of the structural elements of music
- Music appreciation is fostered through the exploration of different styles, genres, and cultural contexts. Students are encouraged to listen critically to diverse musical examples and develop their own musical preferences.
- Creative composition is another significant aspect of music education. Students explore the process of composing their own music, experimenting with melody, harmony, rhythm, and texture

These substantial concepts form the foundation of music education in the formal setting, enabling students to develop a lifelong passion for and understanding of music.



Musical notation	Rhythm	Melody
Musical notation is a system of symbols used to represent	Rhythm refers to the pattern of sounds and their duration,	A melody is a sequence of musical notes that form a
pitch, rhythm, and other musical elements. It enables	creating a sense of beat and movement. It is an essential	memorable and meaningful line of music. It is an essential
musicians to read and interpret written music, facilitating	element of musicality, helping students develop their sense of	element in music, teaching students key music skills such as
the development of essential music skills.	timing and coordination skills.	pitch, rhythm, and tonality.
Harmony	Dynamics	Performance techniques
Harmony refers to the simultaneous sounding of different	Dynamics refers to the varying levels of volume, from loud to	Incorporate a range of music skills to develop performance
musical notes to create pleasing and balanced	soft. It is an essential music skill that adds expression and	techniques across a variety of musical contexts.
compositions. It involves understanding chord	emotion to a performance.	
progressions, intervals, and tonal relationships.		



### **Disciplinary**

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Disciplinary knowledge includes all the skills and concepts that children will need to develop over time in their music lessons.

### **Disciplinary Concepts**

When teaching music, it is crucial to cover disciplinary concepts to enhance students' understanding of the subject. These concepts include musical notation, rhythm, melody, harmony, dynamics, and performance techniques. By exploring these concepts, students develop a well-rounded appreciation for music and can apply their knowledge in artistic expression.in order to play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression

Play and Perform	Listen with attention to detail	Use and understand notation
	7. A.M.	C D E F G A B C D E F G
Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression	Listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory	Use and understand staff and other musical notation  Creative composition is a significant aspect of music
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## Music National Curriculum Tracking Grid - KS2

Key Skills	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Rhythm work	Cat Monkey Rest Cow Armadillo	Cat Monkey Rest Cow Armadillo Elephant	Cat Monkey Rest Cow Armadillo Elephant Anteater	Learn the correct names for all note values from a semiquaver to a semibreve.  If confident add compound rhythms, see below.
Sol-fa work Not compulsory but best practice	Soh me lah doh re	Soh me lah doh re doh'	Soh me lah doh re doh' te	Soh me lah doh re doh' te fah
Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression	Play in class ensemble using tuned and untuned percussion  Sing regularly working on dynamic contrasts	Play in class ensemble with a sense of what's going on in the whole group  Sing contrasting styles of songs using different tempi and dynamics	Play in ensemble with increased leadership skills and sense of what's going on in the whole group  Perform/sing a solo  Sing echo and part songs	Perform/sing a solo with increased confidence and control  Sing in parts, 2 & 3 part rounds  Make all performances as expressive as possible
ммс	Sing a widening range of unison songs doh – soh  Perform as a choir in assembly  Develop ability in playing tuned	Sing rounds or partner songs in different time signatures.  Sing repertoire with small and large leaps and introduce a simple second part	Sing a broad range of songs with a sense of ensemble and performance Sing three part rounds	Sing a broad range of songs, including those that involve syncopated rhythms, as part of a choir  Sing three and four part rounds

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Listen with attention	Recognise all four	Pick out key individual	Clap back a four bar	Clap back a four bar
to detail and recall	families of the orchestra	instruments in a piece	rhythm pattern	rhythm pattern
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aural memory	Recall a simple tune	Clap back a two bar	Sing or clap back a main	Sing and clap back a
1401-1-1111-1053	from memory	rhythm pattern	theme from a listening	main theme from a
			exercise	listening exercise
	Sing a song from	Sing a song from		TO CAR CONTROL
	memory	memory		
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MMC	Use listening skills to		Develop the skill of	
	correctly order phrases		playing by ear on tuned	
Use and understand	using dot notation* Use rhythm flash cards	Use rhythm flash cards	instruments Notate compositions	Notate compositions
staff and other musical	and/or graphic scores	and/or graphic scores	using the most	Notate compositions using the most
notation	and/or grapine scores	and/or grapine scores	appropriate method	appropriate method
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	Combine known	Combine known	Capture and record	Capture and record
	rhythmic notation with	rhythmic notation to	creative ideas	creative ideas
	letter names to create	create short pentatonic	A STATE OF THE STA	Samuel Transport Annual Control of the Control
	rising and falling	phrases for the	Play melodies on tuned	*Notate your 8 or 16 bar
	phrases with three notes	instrument being learnt	percussion, melodic	melody
			instruments or	101100000110110000000000000000000000000
	*Play and perform	*Play and perform	keyboards, following	Read and play from
	following staff notation	melodies following staff	staff notation written on	notation a four bar
		notation as a whole class	one stave	phrase, confidently
	Introduce the stave, lines	or in small groups		identifying note names
	and spaces.		Read and perform pitch	and durations
	****	*Perform in two or more	notation within and	
	*Use dot notation to	parts from simple	octave	
	show higher or lower pitch.	notation		
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	<u>I've been to Harlem</u>	Mingulay boat song and Nao Chariya	Sound Symmetry	Latin Dance	<u>'March'</u> <u>from The</u> <u>Nutcracker</u>	From a railway carriage	Just 3 notes	Samba with Sergio	Fly with the stars
Year 3	+ Compose a pentatonic scale + Sing a call and response song in groups + Play melodic and rhythmic accompaniments to a song + Listen and identify where notes in the melody of a song go down and up	+ Begin to develop and understanding and appreciation of music from different traditions. + Identify songs from different places in the world, use different instruments, have a different beat and are different speeds. + Use music vocab to describe the above. + Understand that folk song is music that belongs to the	+ Compose a simple song using symmetry to develop a melody, structure and rhythmic accompaniment + Sing by improvising simple melodies and rhythms +Identify how pitch and melody of a song has been developed using symmetry	+ Listen to a range of Cuban pieces, understanding influences on the music and recognising some of its musical features + Sing the syncopated rhythms in Latin dance and recognise the verse / chorus structure Work in small groups, sing a call and response song Play a one note part contributing to the chords accompanying the verse + compose a 4 beat rhythm pattern to play during the instrumental sections	+ Develop active listening skills by responding to musical themes through music. + Understand the structure of a Rondo (ABACA) +Develop a sense of beat and rhythmic pattern through music + Experience call and response patterns through	+ Improvise and explore a variety of ways in which words can be used to make music + Create word rhythm patterns and longer sequences, and explore ways to communicate atmosphere and effect _ Listen to pieces of music that have cleverly combined words and music, and compare how different composers	+ Invent simple patters using rhythms and notes C-D-E + Compose music, structuring short ideas into a bigger piece + Notate, red and follow a score + Recognise and copy rhythms and pitches C-D-E	+ Move in time with the beat of the music +Perform call and response rhythms vocally, by ear, using word rhythms, then transfer rhythms to body percussion / instruments + Perform vocal percussion as part of a group +Talk about what they've learnt about Brazil	+ Play the chords of Fly with the stars on tuned percussion as part of a whole class performance + Sing solo or in a pair in call and response style + Respond to and recognise crochets and quavers and make up rhythms using these durations to create accompaniment ideas for the song
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Enquiry Question	Can I understand the simple rhythms of – cat / monkey / rest / armadillo / cow to create a pentatonic piece of music?	Can I use the rhythms that I have learnt to improvise and compose a simple piece of music?		Can I create a piece of music in the style of Latin Dance?	Do I understand the features of a RONDO?	Can I compare composers that all created classical music?	Can I explore 3 notes and the difference in 'emotion' they provoke?	Can I identify a beat to a piece of music and move / play in time with it?	Can I identify the differences between major and minor chords?
St Thomas' Life Question	How much joy does listening to music bring to you?	How do you feel when you listen to your own music?		Does the addition of movement change the way you feel about music?	Does typical 'romantic' music make you feel any different to music from today?	How does classical movement make you feel? Can you draw it?		How does carnival music make you feel? What do you think it's purpose is?	Does played prescribed 'written' music make you feel different compared to when you improvise?
Subject Content Time Periods (Link to the History of Music)	x	х		Link to Latin America and the history of its music	History of the romantic period – historic musicians	History of the classical period – historic musicians	x	Link to South America – the history of its' musical instruments	x
Substantive Concepts	Pitch shape, ostinato, round, pentatonic, call and response	Bengali/ Scottish folk songs, comparing songs from different parts of the world, beat, tempo, ¾, 4/4	Structure (symmetry and pattern in melody, ternary form), melody, accompaniment	Salsa, beat, clave rhythm, timbre, rhythm pattern	Rondo structure, beat, high / lower, staccato, call and response, romantic ballet music	Structure (repetition, round, pattern), texture (layers, unison), timbre, beat, classical music	Pitch (notes C-D-E), rhythm patters, structure, minimalism, dot notation.	Samba, carnival, fanfare, call and response, beat, percussion, word rhythms, music and community	Minor and major chords (A minor and C Major), arpeggio, chord, dot notation.



<b>Key Vocabulary</b> (On Knowledge Organiser)	Rhythm Pulse Tempo Dynamics	Rhythm Pulse Tempo Dynamics Timbre Structure (Binar Duration	y form)	Salsa Beat Rhythm Timbre Pattern Syncopation Chords	Rondo Structure Call and response Staccato Romantic	Structure Repetition Round Patter Texture Timbre classical	Pitch Rhythm Pattern Structure minimalism	Samba Carnival Fanfare call and response beat, percussion,	Minor Major Arpeggio Chord notation
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Experiential Knowledge Our Church Our Community Visits / Places / People	EXPERIENCES THAT WILL ADD TO THE CURRICULUM							Samba drumming workshop	



Protected Characteristics			