Teaching Music with a sense of progression

Music Knowledge and skills F-2

In this band students are introduced to Music **Elements** rhythm: sound/silence, long/short, fast/slow. beat and rhythm, rest, ostinato, tempo. crotchet. crotchet rest, quavers in pairs. experience of duple and triple metres fpitch: high/low, pitch direction (going up or matching, unison down), pitch dynamics and expression: loud (forte) f and soft (piano) form: same/different, patterns, repetition, echo, introduction, verse, chorus, round timbre: every voice and instrument has its own distinct sound; how sound is produced including hit, blown, plucked and shaken texture: unison, melody and accompaniment, round,

Skills

drone

- Discriminate between sounds and silence
- Move and perform with an understanding of beat and tempo
- Demonstrate the difference between singing and speaking voice.
- Discriminate between loud and soft, long and short, high and low
- Recognise familiar instrument timbres
- Use technology as a tool for music learning
- Hold and play classroom instruments safely and
- Understand turn taking in group music making
- Playing in time

Viewpoints Examples of key questions and level of complexity for this band:

Meanings and interpretations

What did this music make you think about and why?

Forms and elements

- What sounds or musical phrases are in my composition?
- What instruments were used in the music and how was their sound different? How was their sound made?

Societies and cultures

Where is this music from and why was it made?

What did you like about the music you listened to/ played or sang? Why?

What do students bring with them from outside school?

Music Knowledge and skills 3-4

In this band students build on the knowledge and concepts introduced in Foundation to Year 2:

Elements

rhythm

rhythm:

simple metres

(fortissimo) ff,

crotchet, crotchet rest, guaver, semiguaver, dotted crotchet, crotchet, quavers in groups of 3 1 and identical * rests in repertoire studied ostinato. tempo changes (faster and slower) pentatonic patterns, pitch: recognising melodic shape, steps and leaps, treble clef, staff dynamics and expression: very soft (pianissimo) pp and very loud

(crescendo), louder gradually getting softer (decrescendo), smoothly, short and detached

gradually getting

form: question and answer (call and response), repeat signs, binary (AB) and ternary (ABA) forms timbre: recognising familiar instrumental timbres in isolation and combination

texture: combining two or more rhythmic or melodic patterns which occur simultaneously in different voices.

Skills

- Match pitch and show the direction of a tune with gesture or drawings
- Recognise the differences between notes moving by steps and leaps
- Discriminate between rhythm and beat
- Demonstrate beat and tempo changes
- Using instruments and voices safely and correctly in the classroom
- Use technology as a tool for music learning

Viewpoints Examples of key questions and level of complexity for this band:

Meanings and interpretations

Why was this music written?

Forms and elements

How did the music change? How many different sections are there in the music?

Societies and cultures

What new sounds do you hear in this music? When is this music to be used?

How did the music make you feel and why?

Music Knowledge and skills 5-6

In this band students build on knowledge and skills introduced from Foundation to Year 4

Elements

compound metre,

rhvthm

quaver,

rhythm: simple metres and time signatures, bars and barlines simple metres

semibreve, minim, crotchet, crotchet rest, quaver, and associated rests, semiguaver, dotted

quavers

semiquaver. dotted crotchet rest pitch: pentatonic and major scales, recognise pitch sequences such as an arpeggio or riff;

crotchet, crotchet

in groups of

treble and bass clef 6 expression: dynamics and smoothly (legato), detached (staccato), accent theme/motif, 🚽 ˈformː Rondo phrase, (ABACA),

acoustic, electronic timbre: sounds; voice and instrument types texture: contrast within layers of sound

Skills

- Identify and notate metre and rhythmic groupings
- Sing and play independent parts against contrasting parts.
- Recognise instrumental, vocal timbres and digitally generated sounds
- Use available technology and digital media as a tool for music learning
- Hold and play instruments and using their voices safely and correctly
- listening to others controlling volume and tone in ensemble activities

Viewpoints Examples of key questions and level of complexity for this band:

Meanings and interpretations

How does the composer indicate dynamics in this piece?

How does the performer show emotion in this piece?

Forms and elements

Which style of music is this? What musical clues helped vou to decide?

Societies and cultures

How do different cultures use music? Why is this piece of music important in this culture?

Evaluations

What do you like about this music and why?

Music Knowledge and skills 7-8

In this band students build on knowledge and skills introduced from Foundation to Year 4:

Elements

rhythm: time signature, semiguaver subdivisions, dotted notes, minim and semibreve rests, quaver rest, dotted crotchet rest, bars and bar lines Rhythmic devices such as anacrusis, syncopation, ties and pause pitch: melodic sequences based upon pentatonic, major and minor scales; key and key signatures; major and minor chords and primary triads (I, IV, V) in simple chord progressions; reading treble and bass clefs and ledger lines

dynamics and expression: dynamic gradations including *mp* and *mf*; articulations relevant to style, for example, glissando, slide, slap, melismatic phrasing

form: repetition and contrast: call and response: digital sequences: theme and variation: 12 bar blues: popular song structures including verse, chorus, bridge, middle 8, intro and outro

timbre: recognising instrumental types and groups, voice types, acoustic and electronic sound

texture: identifying layers of sound and their role (accompaniment and melody); unison, homophonic (melody with chords), polyphonic (two or more independent layers played simultaneously)

Skills:

- Recognising rhythmic patterns and beat groupings
- Discriminate between pitches recognising intervals and familiar chord progressions
- Aurally identifying layers within a texture
- Imitate simple melodies using voice and instruments.
- Perform with expression and technical control, correct posture and
- Understand their role within an ensemble, controlling tone and volume

Viewpoints Examples of key questions and level of complexity for this

Meanings and interpretations

What is music? Why does the same piece sound different when different musicians play it?

Forms and elements

- How have the elements of music and instruments been used in this
- What composition devices were used in your piece?

Societies

What is the social context of this piece and for whom would it be performed?

Cultures

What is the cultural context of this piece and what does it signify? **Histories**

What instruments and other features of the music indicate it is from a particular time and place?

Philosophies and ideologies

What philosophical, ideological and political perspectives influence or are represented in this work? Does this affect the audience's interpretation of it?

Evaluations

How effectively did the musicians use expressive techniques in their performance? What are the strengths of this performance or composition?

What's changing from Band to Band? What stays the same?

Teaching Music

Elements of Music

rhythm	the organisation of sound in relation to time. Rhythm includes length of sound and silence, beat, and tempo
pitch	the relative highness or lowness of sound. Pitch occurs horizontally (as in a melody) and vertically (including chords and harmony)
dynamics and expression	the relative volume and intensity of sound and the way that sound is articulated and interpreted
form and structure	the plan or design of a piece of music described by identifying what is the same and what is different and the ordering of ideas in the piece
texture	the layers of sound in a musical work and the relationship between them
timbre	the particular tone colour or quality that distinguishes a sound or combinations of sounds

Each Music lesson needs to engage directly with these Elements of Music

and these

Skills, Techniques, Processes

rhythm	beat sound and silence long/short even/uneven rhythm as 'the words' symbols metre
pitch	going up/down higher/lower intervals solfa notation
dynamics and expression	faster/slower softer/louder symbols
form and structure	phrases echoes (A-A) verses question and answer (A-B) introduction coda repeat sign interlude forms
texture	sing/speak while moving to beat rhythmic cannon/ostinato melodic canon/ostinato
timbre	distinctive characteristics of sound body sounds found sounds instruments sound effects (SFX)

Skills Techniques Processes		
Listening	Listening is the process through which music is experienced and learnt. This includes listening to, analysing and comparing a range of repertoire. Developing aural skill (ear training) as the technique for discriminating, identifying, interpreting and applying musical concepts is essential for all listening, performing and composition activities.	
Composing	Composing is a broad term for creating original music. In the classroom this involves improvising, organising musical ideas, creating accompaniment patterns, arranging and writing original works either individually or collaboratively.	
Performing	Performing involves playing instruments, singing or manipulating sound using technology as an individual or ensemble member. This includes learning songs, instrumental pieces, accompaniments, and works composed by self and others. Audiences can include the teacher, peers in class, the wider school community and public audiences.	

What's the essential music content knowledge you teach students?