

Brede Primary School

MUSIC CURRICULUM

Intent Statement:

At Brede Primary School, our music curriculum, based on the Get Set 4 Education scheme, is designed to provide a rich and immersive musical experience for all our students. The curriculum is carefully sequenced, ensuring a progressive development of skills and knowledge in line with the National Curriculum requirements. We aim to foster a lifelong love for music by integrating creativity, exploration, and enjoyment in every lesson.

By linking music with a range of subjects taught throughout the year, we offer a cross-curricular approach that enriches students' learning experiences and allows them to see the connections between music and the wider world. This approach encourages collaborative learning and enhances their understanding in both music and other areas of the curriculum.

Our scheme is structured to support skill progression, beginning with foundational concepts and advancing to more complex ideas, ensuring every child develops both practical and theoretical musical knowledge. Through hands-on activities such as singing, composing, listening, and performing, children are empowered to become confident musicians and creative thinkers. Our curriculum is designed to inspire and motivate all learners, cultivating a sense of achievement and joy through music, as well as encouraging collaborative learning within the school community.



National Curriculum Aims:

The national curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils:

- perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians
- learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence
- understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.

Age Related Statutory Coverage:

EYFS

Expressive Arts and Design

ELG: Being Imaginative and Expressive Children at the expected level of development will:

- Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher.
- Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs.

Key Stage One Learning

Pupils should be taught to:

- use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes
- play tuned and untuned instruments musically
- listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music
- experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music.

Key Stage Two

Pupils should be taught to:

- play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression
- improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music

Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with	listen with attention to detail and recall
others, and – when appropriate – try to move in	sounds with increasing aural memory
time with music	 use and understand staff and other
	musical notations
	 appreciate and understand a wide range
	of high-quality live and recorded music
	drawn from different traditions and from
	great composers and musicians
	 develop an understanding of the history
	of music

	EYFS	
	Skills	Knowledge
	Improvisation: explore and create sounds using voice, body	Improvisation: know that different instruments make different
	percussion, instruments and found sounds. Explore how sounds can	sounds which can show different characters or situations.
Composing	be changed from loud to quiet, fast to slow and high to low.	Notation: know that I can order images to create sounds.
	Notation: introduced to symbols and images to order and convey	Creative process: understanding the words of a song will help me to
	sound.	decide on actions or sounds.
	Creative process: create new verses, words and actions to a song and	
	create sequences of sounds in response to a given stimulus.	
	Technical control: distinguish between singing and speaking. Copy	Technical control: know that when singing I move my voice higher
	simple rhythm patterns using instruments, body sounds and the voice	and lower.
Performing	with an introduction to a steady pulse and pitch.	Notation: know that 'ta' is one sound and 'titi' is two sounds.
	Notation: begin to follow symbols and images.	Ensemble awareness: know to watch and listen to others to start and
	Ensemble awareness: begin to start and stop together with others.	stop together.
	Communication & audience: explore sounds using instruments and	Communication & audience: know how to play different instruments
	voice, showing an awareness of tempo and dynamics.	e.g. shake, scrape, hit, blow.
	Identify musical conventions and inter-related dimensions: describe	Identify musical conventions and inter-related dimensions: know
	sound e.g. whistling, twinkly. Begin to react to changes in the music	that instruments can be played in different ways and this makes
Listening	such as tempo or dynamics by explaining or moving.	different sounds. Know that when the music changes speed (tempo)
	Recognise sound & instruments: begin to recognise classroom	so does my movement. Know that music can be loud or quiet and fast
	instruments. Listen to sound effects.	or slow and this makes me feel differently.
		Recognise sound & instruments: know that sound effects can be used
		to show what a piece of music is about.
Notation	Crotchets 'short - ta	
	Paired Quavers 'shorter – titi	
	Crotchet rest	

KS1						
	Sk	ills	Know	vledge		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2		
Composing	Improvisation: improvise simple vocal chants and pitch and rhythm patterns. Notation: begin to explore how images can be used to create graphic scores. Explore symbols for rhythm and pitch. Creative process: select and describe sounds to create music in response to a stimulus. Compose simple four beat rhythms using crotchets and paired quavers. Compose simple melodies using G and E. Explore dynamics and tempo in relation to mood or message.	Improvisation: improvise Q and A phrases with words, rhythm and pitch. Notation: use images and symbols to structure pieces using graphic score. Select stick notation for rhythm and dot notation for pitch. Creative process: explore and use changes in pitch dynamics, duration and tempo. Select sounds and instruments to demonstrate mood or message. Compose lyrics, three note melodies and rhythms using known notation.	Improvisation: know that using dynamics, tempo and pitch can provide context when improvising. Notation: know that using bigger/smaler images or symbols represents dynamics. Know to use images and symbols to create a score for rhythm or pitch. Creative process: know to explore different ideas before deciding what to do. Know that playing an instrument with less force or effort will make it sound quieter.	Improvisation: know to structure improvisations into responses over 4 or 8 beats. Notation: know that changing the size of an image or how often it appears can show changes in dynamics and tempo. Know that where a dot or note is placed in relation to one another indicates the pitch. Creative process: know that different sounds and how they are played can be used to represent different characters, emotions and moods. Know that the sylables of words can be used to make lyrics fit with the melody.		
Performing	Technical control: sing simple songs with an awareness of pitch and following visual direction (start, stop, loud, quiet). Play to a steady pulse. Play repeated rhythms and word pattern chants. Notation: begin to relate images to sounds. Follow pictures and symbols to guide singing and playing. Ensemble awareness: follow simple performance indications for start, stop, gradually change dynamics.	Technical control: sing with developing control of pitch. Follow directions for dynamics and tempo when singing and playing. Find and perform the pulse with increasing success. Identify and mark beat groupings. Accompany singing with actions and body sounds in time with a steady pulse. Notation: begin to relate simple graphic images to changes in sound. Recognise dot notation across three pitches. Perform rhythm patterns following stick notation.	Technical control: know that the pulse is the steady beat of the music. Know that standing up tall with my shoulders back will help improve my singing. Notation: know that images and symbols on a score show me when to play and when to stop. Ensemble awareness: know that different hand signals tell me when and how to play or sing. Communication & audience: know to make eye contact with my group and the audience when performing.	Technical control: know that listening to the starting pitch will help me to start and stay in tune. Know the meaning of dynamics and tempo. Know that the speed of the beat can change. Notation: know that if a symbol sits higher in space it represents a higher pitch. Ensemble awareness: know when and how to play by following signals. Communication & audience: be aware of the expectations when listening to others perform and when performing to an audience.		

Listening	Communication & audience: begin to control sounds demonstrating subtle changes, gradually louder, quieter, faster, slower. Identify musical conventions and inter-related dimensions: begin to identify the sound with the intended message. Recognise changes in the music e.g.	Ensemble awareness: demonstrate increased confidence when following musical directions given both aurally and through physical inflection. Communication & audience: begin to control sounds with intention. Identify musical conventions and inter-related dimensions: begin to recognise how composers use music to tell the story or message of their piece. Recognise changes	Identify musical conventions and inter-related dimensions: justify preference when listening to various styles of music and understand that other people	Identify musical conventions and inter-related dimensions: know the meaning of tempo, dynamics and pitch. Recognise sound & instruments:
	changes in the music e.g. slower/faster, quieter/louder. Recognise sound & instruments: begin to recognise some instrumental sounds and name	of their piece. Recognise changes in tempo, dynamics and pitch. Recognise sound & instruments: begin to recognise instruments aurally.	understand that other people may have different opinions. Begin to use music terminology to describe the changes e.g. the tempo got faster.	Recognise sound & instruments: know that instruments are made of different materials and this creates different sounds (timbres).
	classroom instruments.	,	Recognise sound & instruments: know that instruments are played differently e.g. hit, shaken and this produces different sounds.	
	Yea	ar 1		ar 2
Notation	Crotchets 'short - ta Paired Quavers 'shorter – titi		Crotchets 'short - ta Paired Quavers 'shorter – titi	
	Crotchet rest		Crotchet rest Minims 'lon-ng' – exposed to Semibreves 'lo-o-o-ng' – exposed to	5

Lower KS2					
	Sk	ills	Know	rledge	
	Year 3	Year 4	Year 3	Year 4	
	Improvisation: improvise in	Improvisation: improvise body	Improvisation: know to perform	Improvisation: know that	
	response to a stimulus. Improvise	percussion, words, rhythmic and	improvisations as 4 beat or 8	finishing a melodic improvisation	
Composing	singing and playing with given	melodic patterns within an	beat response to make responses	on the root note will help it to	
	notes to create simple rhythmic	ensemble and as a conversation.	sound complete.	sound finished. Know that using	
	patterns and melodic ideas.	Notation: demonstrate	Notation: understand that	the rhythm of words will help to	
	Notation: record ideas using sign	increasing confidence in	combining rhythm and pitch can	improvise rhythms.	
	and symbols including graphic	recording ideas using sign and	create rising and falling melodies.	Notation: know that a pentatonic	
	score, pitch and rhythm notation	symbols including graphic score	Creative process: know that	scale uses five pitches.	
	creating three note melodies.	and pitch and rhythm notation.	using the inter-related	Creative process: know that	
	Creative process: contribute	Creative process: contribute	dimensions can help to tell the	mixing up the duration of notes	
	ideas with consideration of the	appropriate ideas expressing	message of the piece. Know that	will help to make melodies sound	
	structure (beginning, middle and	musical opinions for creating and	combining rhythm and pitch	interesting. Know that applying	
	end) and theme of the music.	improving work. Create melodies	notation gives us a melody.	the inter-related dimensions of	
	Demonstrate application of	using the pentatonic scale in		music can create effects in	
	tempo, dynamics, texture.	relation to a stimulus. Write lyrics		response to a stimulus.	
	Combine rhythm and pitch to	and compose melodies for those			
	create three pitch melodies.	lyrics using the pentatonic scale.			
	Technical control: sing with	Technical control: sing with	Technical control: know that a	Technical control: know when to	
	projection and clear diction over	greater control of breath and	drone is usually played on beat 1	breathe, developing an	
Performing	a greater range of pitches,	awareness of dynamics. Pitch	and rings out for the other beats.	awareness of phrase.	
	leaping and stepping and	with increasing accuracy over a	Notation: know the values of a	Notation: understand that a	
	accurately match the starting	larger range including leaps and	crotchet, paired quavers and	neutral clef is used for untuned	
	pitch. Perform with consideration	harmony. Play melodies and	minims and understand that	instruments. Know that rhythm	
	to simple dynamic instructions.	accompaniments across a small	where they are placed on the	grids can be performed in	
	Play a simple rhythmic	range of pitches. Accurately	stave shows the pitch.	different ways to change the	
	accompaniment or drone	maintain an individual rhythm	Ensemble awareness:	sound.	
	maintaining a steady pulse. Copy	within a rhythmic performance.	demonstrate an understanding of	Ensemble awareness:	
	and perform melodies over three	Notation: confidently recognise	my own role within the	understand the importance of	
	pitches.	and perform from simple western	ensemble. Know that playing to a	knowing how to start and finish a	
	Notation: begin to recognise and	notation across a pentatonic	steady pulse will help us to start,	piece.	
	perform from simple western	scale. Follow rhythm grids	stop and stay together.	Communication & audience:	
	notation symbols. Use the	accurately.	Communication & audience:	know that different styles of	
	syllables of words to create	Ensemble awareness: maintain	know to watch others so that I	music should be performed in	
	rhythms.	own part within an ensemble.	know when to play.	different ways.	
		Perform in two or more parts.			

Listening	Ensemble awareness: begin to perform independently and in small groups. Communication & audience: develop confidence to perform as an individual and within a group. Identify musical conventions and inter-related dimensions: begin to identify musical conventions being employed in a variety of pieces. Begin to identify how the inter-related dimensions of music are used to effect the mood and message of the piece. Recognise sound & instruments: begin to recognise the sound of different sections of the orchestra and a variety of instruments within each section.	Communication & audience: show increased confidence and commitment when performing to an audience Identify musical conventions and inter-related dimensions: begin to place music with guidance into historical context, eg. Baroque, Classical, Romantic, 20th century or genre e.g. minimalist, samba. Identify specific inter-related dimensions of music in a variety of styles. Recognise sound & instruments: aurally and by sight identify a variety of instruments.	Identify musical conventions and inter-related dimensions: know that composers use the interrelated dimension to help to portray the message of the piece. Recognise sound & instruments: know that the orchestra is made up of different sections and families of instruments.	Identify musical conventions and inter-related dimensions: know that different eras and genres have key features that help to define them. Recognise sound & instruments: know the role of different instruments within a genre e.g. the apito whistle is the role of the leader.
	instruments within each section.	 ar 3	Ve	ar 4
Notation	Crotchets 'short - ta Paired Quavers 'shorter – titi Crotchet rest Minims 'lon-ng' Semibreves 'lo-o-o-ng'		Crotchets 'short - ta Paired Quavers 'shorter – titi Crotchet rest Minims 'lon-ng' Semibreves 'lo-o-o-ng' Four Semiquavers 'even shorter' – exposed to	

Upper KS2						
	Sk	ills	Know	vledge		
	Year 5	Year 6	Year 5	Year 6		
Composing	Skills Year 5 Improvisation: improvise 8 beat rhythmic patterns and melodic patterns over an octave. Improvise over a drone with a sense of shape and steady pulse. Notation: demonstrate increased confidence and accuracy using various forms of notation to record musical ideas. Creative process: explore and combine sounds with growing confidence, taking simple ideas to develop further in composition with satisfying structure. Develop rhythmic and melodic ideas of greater length and musical shape with consideration of the inter related dimensions. Compose music with several parts with consideration of harmony to evoke mood. Skills Year 6 Improvisation: improvise and refine rhythms and melodic ideas over a drone or chord sequence demonstrating a sense of musical phrase. Improvise melodies using the notes of the chord and passing notes. Notation: combine rhythmic and pitch notation selecting the most appropriate notation to record musical ideas. Creative process: identify the strengths and areas for development in a piece and use this to refine work. Use more complex rhythmic notation and pitches over an octave to create melodies, chord sequences and bass lines. Create and structure music with multiple parts including chordal accompaniment, rhythmic accompaniment, melody and drone using key features of different genres. Technical control: sing and play Technical control: demonstrate		Improvisation: know that improvising ideas first will allow me to create melodies I like. Know that improvisation is a big part of many genres of music, showing off the capabilities of the instrument. Know that improvisation can be used to communicate emotion. Notation: know that when recording western notation, the time signature will tell me how many beats to place in each bar. Creative process: know that using contrast will help to structure a piece. Know that repeating a musical idea helps to develop the sound of the overall piece. Know that when creating polyrhythms, each rhythm needs to be different.	Improvisation: know that repeating patterns and adding phrasing to improvisations creates a satisfying melodic shape. Know to use the notes of the chord when improvising a bassline. Notation: know that using rhythmic variety and changes in pitch will help to make my piece sound interesting. Creative process: understand that certain notes when performed together create different effects such as consonant and dissonant sounds. Know that intentionally combining the inter-related dimensions of music will create effect. Know that when writing melodies using repeating elements, equal length lines and using a shift in pitch will help to create memorable music.		
Performing	Technical control: sing and play to convey mood and emotion to enhance the intended effect. Confidently match pitches across a wider range of notes, leaps, lengths and rhythmic complexity. Confidently demonstrate a secure sense of pulse when playing and singing in parts.		Technical control: know that the strong beat 1 of each bar will help me to play and sing in time. Notation: understand the differences between semibreves, minims, crotchets and crotchet rests, paired quavers and semiquavers. Understand the differences between 2/4, 3/4 and	Technical control: know that how you use the inter-related dimensions when playing and singing helps to tell the message of the piece. Notation: know and understand the differences between semibreves, minims, crotchets, quavers, semiquavers and their equivalent rests.		

	Notation: recognise and perform from an increasing range of western notation. Ensemble awareness: lead others into a performance controlling the tempo of the pulse. Communication & audience: demonstrate increased confidence when performing, showing an awareness that a performance is an occasion.	pulse when singing and playing a variety of instruments fluidly in unison and within an ensemble in parts and different time signatures. Notation: select and perform with greater accuracy from graphic and western notation scores within an octave range. Ensemble awareness: physically and aurally lead others in performance controlling the tempo, dynamics and pulse within an ensemble. Play as an	4/4 time signatures. Understand how triads are formed. Ensemble awareness: know that eye contact during a performance will help us to stay in time and bring the piece together as a performance. Communication & audience: know that a performance starts before we play/sing and finishes after so consideration of how we enter and exit affects the performance.	Ensemble awareness: know how to self-correct when a performance goes wrong. Communication & audience: understand that the way the performance is represented to the audience influences the quality of the performance and the messages the music is trying to convey.
		ensemble in multiple parts. Communication & audience: confidently perform considering style or message of the music.		
Listening	Identify musical conventions and inter-related dimensions: develop an understanding of music across time and place. Use an increasing musical vocabulary to respond to music. Recognise sound & instruments: begin to recognise a broader range of ensembles and instruments relating to different styles of music.	Identify musical conventions and inter-related dimensions: place music within both time and place. Recognise sound & instruments: confidently recognise different orchestral instruments and instruments specific to a genre or era.	Identify musical conventions and inter-related dimensions: know the features of different styles of music to justify placement. Recognise sound & instruments: know that instruments from different genres or eras have similarities in how they are played.	Identify musical conventions and inter-related dimensions: understand that using my knowledge of musical conventions, instrumental knowledge and the inter-related dimensions will help me to confidently justify opinions of a variety of music. Recognise sound & instruments: understand why composers use certain instruments or sounds at different times to create effect.
Notation	Crotchets 'short - ta Paired Quavers 'shorter – titi Crotchet rest Minims 'lon-ng' Semibreves 'lo-o-o-ng'	ar 5	Crotchets 'short - ta Paired Quavers 'shorter – titi Minims 'lon-ng' Semibreves 'lo-o-o-ng' Four Semiquavers 'even shorter'	ar 6

Dotted notes – exposed to	All equivalent rests
Quaver rest	

Key vocabulary -							
EYFS KS1			Lower KS2	Lower KS2		Upper KS2	
action	adagio	anthem	appraise	accelerando	accompaniment	accent	
count	compose	drone	crochet rest	cell	consonant	chord sequence	
hit	crescendo	forte	leaping	graphic notation	genre	introduction	
louder	dynamics	orchestra	musical theatre	mezzo forte	polyphonic	metronome	
movement	length	piano	semibreve	motif	sharp	ascending	
play	pitch	rise	time signature	pentatonic scale	backing vocals	concerto	
quiet	stave	strings	bar	rallentando	dissonant	jingle	
rhythm	allegro	baroque	duration	accompany	interval	passing note	
slide	composer	fall	medieval	chord	polyrhythmic	sustain	
sound effect	decrescendo	improvise	quartet	groove	staccato	binary form	
stop	graphic score	paire quavers	stepping	mezzo piano neutral clef	bass line	contrast	
band	melody	posture	bar line	pianissimo	dotted note	key	
fast	score	romantic	ensemble	scatting	lead vocals	phrasing	
instrument	tempo	texture	minim	bass	programmatic	tonic	
low	chorus	brass	rehearse	clashing	ternary form	break	
note	conductor	fanfare	structure	harmonious	flat	counter melody	
pulse	duet	lyrics	treble clef	minimalism	legato	loop	
quieter	layer	percussion	classical	notate	root note	reel	
scrape	opera	presto	inter-related dimensions	polyphony	triad	triad	
slow	soundscape	round	scale	solo	broken chords	bridge	
speak	verse	unison	timbre	call and response	fusion	descending	
tune		crochet	western notation	fortissimo	mnemonics	manipulate	
beat		folk		harmony	semiquavers	riff	
high		notation		minor	walking bass line		
listen		performance		octave			
lower		rehearsal		polyrhythm			
pattern		sea shanty		swing time			
quick		woodwind		response			
repeat				glissando			
shake				major			
slower				moderato			
speed				off beat			
voice				quaver			
сору				technique			
higher							

loud			
match			
perform			
perform quicker			
rest			
sing			
sound			
start			
volume			

	Hedgehogs- Reception						
			CYCLE A/B				
	Term 1	and 2	Term 3	3 and 4	Term	5 and 6	
Topic/ Subject Link	Marvellous Me	Exploring Autumn	Animal Safari	Long Ago	Ready, Steady, Grow	On the Beach	
Get Set 4 Music Unit	All about me- Unit 1	Whatever the Weather- Unit 2	Minibeasts- Unit 2	Everyday life- Unit 1	Walking in the Jungle- Unit 1	Deep Blue Sea- Unit 2	

Rabbits- KS1: Year 1 and 2								
CYCLE A								
	Term 1 and 2		Term 3 and 4		Term 5 and 6			
Topic/ Subject Link	Geography- Bright Lights, Big City	History- Bright Lights, Big City	History- Memory Box	Let's Explore the World	Movers and Shakers	Coastline		
Get Set 4 Music Unit	Great Fire of London	Fantasy and Adventure	Toys	Oceans	Superheroes	At the Seaside		
CYCLE B								
	Term 1 and 2		Term 3 and 4		Term 5 and 6			
Topic/ Subject Link	School Days	School Days	Splendid Skies	Towers, Turrets and Tunnels	Magnificent Monarchs	Land Ahoy		
Get Set 4 Music Unit	Senses	Jupiter Carnival of animals	Four Seasons	Castles	Folksongs	Dinosaurs		

Foxes- Lower KS2: Year 3 and 4

CYCLE A

	Term 1 and 2		Term 3 and 4		Term 5 and 6		
Topic/ Subject Link	Geography- Blue Abyss	History- Traders and Raiders	History- Traders and Raiders	Geography- Flow	1066	1066	
Get Set 4 Music Unit	Oceans	Vikings	Folksongs	Rivers	Castles	In the Garden	
CYCLE B							
	Term 1 and 2		Term 3 and 4				
Topic/ Subject Link	Tribal Tales	Misty Mountain Sierra	Misty Mountain Sierra	I am Warrior!	I am Warrior!	Gods and Mortals	
Get Set 4 Music Unit	Stone Age	Volcanos	Samba	Words, Words, Words	Minimalism	Greek Myths	

		0	wls- Upper KS2: Year 5 and	6		
			CYCLE A			
	Term 1	and 2	Term 3 and 4		Term 5 and 6	
Topic/ Subject Link	Ancient Egypt- Pharaohs	Ancient Egypt- Pharaohs	Geography- Alchemy Island	Science- Evolution and Inheritance	RE- U2.7 Why do Hindus want to be good?	Off with her Head!
Get Set 4 Music Unit	Africa	Reggae	Bandlab	Animal Kingdom	Melodies of Divinity	Rock n Roll
			CYCLE B			
	Term 1 and 2		Term 3 and 4		Term 5 and 6	
Topic/ Subject Link	Science- electricity	Science- Space	Geography- Frozen Kingdoms!	History- A Child's war	Geography- Hola Mexico!	History- Hola Mexico!
Get Set 4 Music Unit	Electricity	Planets	Arctic	WW2	Mayans	Celebrations