



St Michael's CE Primary School

Music Progression in Vocabulary
2026-2027

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	Musical elements and notation	Singing, playing and creating	Musical styles and context
Nursery	Sound, Rhythm, Repeat, High, Low, Loud, Quiet	Listen, Sing, Song, Voice, Instrument, Play, Shake, Tap, Rub, Strike, Blow, Copy, Move, Dance	Nursery rhyme, Ring game, Story, Feelings
Reception	Sound, High, Low, Higher, Lower, Rhythm, Beat, Tempo, Fast, Slow, Pitch, Silence, Loud, Quiet, Soft, Lyrics, Verse, Heartbeat, Pulse, Steady, Repeat, Constant, Moderate, Medium, Dynamic	Voice, Whisper, Speaking, Body sounds, Stomp, Instrumental sounds, Drum, Triangle, Shaker, Tambourine, Creaking, Whoosh, Whistling, Rustling, Harp, Cymbals, Instrument, Call, Response, Sleigh bells, Actions, Voice sounds, Body percussion, Action songs, Sign language, Makaton, Scarf dance, Siren, Cello, Whistle, Perform, Performance, Musical instrument, Shake, Tap, Bang, Strum, Jingle, Conductor, Percussion, Strings, Brass, Wind	Nature sounds, Diwali, Celebration, Music, Dance, Traditional, Hanukkah, Jewish, Kwanzaa, Africa, African music, Culture, Christmas, Christian, Tradition, Deaf, Communication, Communicating, Understand, Piece, Composer, Audience, Band, Orchestra
Year 1	Pulse, Sound pattern, High, Low, Pitch, Pattern, Tempo	Singing voice, Speaking voice, Thinking voice, Voice, Performance	Character
Year 2	Dynamics, Sound pattern, Tempo, Beat, Pulse, Rest, Rhythm, Paired half beats, Notation, Structure	Call and response, Encore, Instrumental sound, Sound effect, Composition, Thinking voice	Legend, Myth
Year 4	Crotchet, Music notation, Staff/stave notation, Clef, Harmonic ostinato, Rhythm, Minim, Ostinato, Rest, Semibreve, Dynamics, Tempo, Contrast, Higher, Lower, Structure, Texture, Loop, Melody, Pitch,	Tuned percussion, Beater, Body percussion, Compose, Clapping, Clicking, Transposing, Keyboard	Gumboot dance, South Africa, Traditional, Patter, Pitter, Raindrop, Boom, Clap, Snap, Inspiration, Romans, Mosaic

	Motif, Beat, Dotted minim, Quaver, Flat, Sharp		
Year 5	Features, Notation, Structure, Melody, Minor key, Chord, Ascending scale, Bent note, Descending scale, Scale, Dynamics, Break, Ostinato, Poly-rhythms, Syncopation	Unison, Composition, Ensemble, Improvisation, A cappella, Call and response, Master drummer, Metronome	Blues, 12-bar blues
Year 6	Contrasting, Tempo, Phrase, Do-Re-Mi-Fa-So-La-Ti, Graphic score, Pitch, Counter-melody, Harmony, Melody, Solfa, Canon, Round, Ground bass, Melodic ostinato, Ostinato, Counter subject, Polyphonic, Subject, Accelerando, Allegro, Crescendo, Diminuendo, Dynamics, Forte, Largo, Piano, Presto, Ritardando, Lyrics, Verse, Chorus, Rhyme, Poetic structure, Chord, Chord progression, Staff notation	Diaphragm, Phrasing	Front line, Morale, Troops, Vera Lynn, Aria, Baroque, Opera, Recitative, Fugue, Oratorio



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