



St Cuthbert's CofE Junior School



Music Curriculum ~ Key Vocabulary

	Key Stage 1	Year 3 and 4	Year 5 and 6
<u>Pitch</u>	melody, tune high, (getting) higher, going up low, (getting) lower, going down steps – jumps – slides	melody, tune melodic phrase/pattern high, (getting) higher, going up low, (getting) lower, going down steps – jumps – slides staying the same, melodic ostinato drone pentatonic scale Note names A, B, C, etc	melody, tune melodic phrase/pattern high, (getting) higher, going up low, (getting) lower, going down steps – jumps – slides staying the same, melodic ostinato drone pentatonic scale note names A, B, C, etc. interval unison, harmony, chord
<u>Texture</u>	duet ensemble few – many	solo duet ensemble few – many combined	solo duet ensemble few – many combined
<u>Tempo</u>	fast, (getting) faster slow, (getting) slower	fast, (getting) faster slow, (getting) slower pulse different speeds	fast, (getting) faster slow, (getting) slower pulse different speeds
<u>Structure</u>	beginning – middle – end phrase verse – chorus	beginning – middle – end phrase verse – chorus round repetition introduction interlude, ostinato bass drone melodic ostinato	beginning – middle – end phrase verse – chorus round repetition introduction sections interlude ostinato bass drone melodic ostinato
<u>Duration</u>	pulse, beat start, stop long, longer, sustained short, shorter, staccato rhythm	steady pulse, beat start, stop long, longer, sustained short, shorter, staccato rhythm, rhythmic patterns word rhythm, syllables rhythmic ostinato	steady pulse, beat start, stop long, longer, sustained short, shorter, staccato rhythm, rhythmic patterns word rhythm, syllables rhythmic ostinato rest semibreve - four beats minim - two beats crotchet - one beat quaver - half-beat semiquaver - quarter-beat
<u>Dynamics</u>	loud, (getting) louder quiet, (getting) quieter	loud – forte getting louder – crescendo quiet – piano getting quieter - diminuendo	(moderately) loud – (mezzo) forte very loud – fortissimo getting louder – crescendo (moderately) quiet – (mezzo) piano very quiet - pianissimo getting quieter – diminuendo



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