

Music vocabulary ladder

The vocabulary in music is cumulative and is built upon year on year with the intention that by the end of Year 6, all children will be familiar with these words and be able to use them in context.

<i>In year...</i>	
Year 6	Application of words previously taught, integration
Year 5	Diction, solo, ensemble, composition, staff, crotchet, dotted notes, quaver, minim, music technology, semibreve, base clef, phrase, dotted minim, musical structures, semi quaver, musical eras
Year 4	Technique, musicality, collaborate, unison, layers of sound, structure
Year 3	Dynamics, tone timbre, texture, structure, ukulele, canon, volume, composer, composition, rest, chord, chords, note duration, notation, reading music, ostinato, pentatonic, musical genres
Year 2	Pulse, tone, notation, tuned, untuned, record, accompany, body percussion, harmony, claves, compose, recorder, melodically, pulse, pitch, rhythmical, tempo, note, duet, treble clef
Year 1	Melody, percussion, rhythm, pulse, voice, triangle, speed of music, symbols, glockenspiels, chime bars, lullaby, observe, long and short sounds, sound effects, improvisation
Reception	Tune, pitch, chant, repeat, steady beat, sound, soft, loud, high, low, follow, djembe, beat, beater, looking, listening to learn, call and response
Nursery	Scrape, scraping, shake, shaker, dance, listen, tap, song, sing, instrument, loud, quiet, fast, slow, drum

