**Music Curriculum Overview**

Kapow offers full coverage of the KS1 and KS2 Music curriculum and we have categorised our content into four areas:

* Performing 
* Listening 
* Composing 
* The history of music 

**National Curriculum by Kapow’s themes and topics**

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| Key stage 1National Curriculum Music subject content | Kapow’s Music Themes | Kapow Topics |
| Pupils should be taught to:  |  | Year 1  | Year2  |
| Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes  | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.png | [All About Me](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/all-about-me/)[Animals](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/animals/)[Space](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/space/)[By the Sea](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/by-the-sea/)[Fairy Tales](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/fairy-tales/)[Superheroes](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/superheroes/)  | [Musical Me](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-2/musical-me/)[Animals](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-2/animals/)[On This Island](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-2/on-this-island/) |
| Play tuned and untuned instruments musically  | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.png | [All About Me](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/all-about-me/)[Animals](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/animals/)[Space](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/space/)[By the Sea](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/by-the-sea/) [Fairy Tales](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/fairy-tales/)[Superheroes](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/superheroes/)  | [Musical Me](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-2/musical-me/)[Traditional Stories](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-2/traditional-stories/)[Animals](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-2/animals/)[On This Island](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-2/on-this-island/)Myths and Legends (*coming soon*)Space (*coming soon*) |
| Listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music  | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.png | [All About Me](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/all-about-me/)[Animals](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/animals/)[Space](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/space/)[By the Sea](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/by-the-sea/) [Fairy Tales](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/fairy-tales/)[Superheroes](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/superheroes/)  | [Musical Me](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-2/musical-me/)[Traditional Stories](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-2/traditional-stories/)[Animals](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-2/animals/)[On This Island](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-2/on-this-island/)Myths and Legends (*coming soon*)Space (*coming soon*) |
| Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.png | [All About Me](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/all-about-me/)[Animals](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/animals/)[Space](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/space/)[By the Sea](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/by-the-sea/) [Fairy Tales](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/fairy-tales/)[Superheroes](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/superheroes/)  | [Musical Me](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-2/musical-me/)[Traditional Stories](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-2/traditional-stories/)[Animals](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-2/animals/)[On This Island](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-2/on-this-island/)Myths and Legends (*coming soon*)Space (*coming soon*) |

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| Key stage 2 National Curriculum Computing subject content | Kapow’s Music Themes | Kapow Topics |
| Pupils should be taught to:  |  | Year 3 | Year 4  | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression  | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.png | [Mountains](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/mountains/)[Ballads](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/jazz/)[Chinese New Year,](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/festivals-chinese-new-year/) [India](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/around-the-world-india/)[Vikings](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/the-vikings/)Jazz *(coming soon)* | [Rainforests](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/rainforests/)[Hanami festival](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/hanami-festival/)[Romans](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/romans/)[South America](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/south-america/)[Blues](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/blues/)Rock and Roll *(coming soon)* | [South and West Africa](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/around-the-world-south-and-west-africa/)[Holi Festival](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/holi-festival/)[Rivers](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/rivers/)[Egyptians](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/the-mayans/)[Dance Music](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/dance-music/)[Musical Theatre](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/musical-theatre/) | Leavers’ Song *(coming soon)* |
| Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music  | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.png | [Mountains](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/mountains/)[Ballads](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/jazz/)[Chinese New Year](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/festivals-chinese-new-year/)[India](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/around-the-world-india/)[Vikings](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/the-vikings/)Jazz *(coming soon)* | [Rainforests](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/rainforests/)[Hanami Festival](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/hanami-festival/)[Romans](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/romans/)[South America](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/south-america/)[Blues](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/blues/)Rock and Roll *(coming soon)* | [South and West Africa](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/around-the-world-south-and-west-africa/)[Holi festival](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/holi-festival/)[Rivers](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/rivers/)[Egyptians](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/the-mayans/)[Dance Music](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/dance-music/)[Musical Theatre](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/musical-theatre/) | Leavers’ Song *(coming soon)* |
| Listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory  | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.png | [Mountains](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/mountains/)[Ballads](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/jazz/)[Chinese New Year](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/festivals-chinese-new-year/)[India](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/around-the-world-india/)[Vikings](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/the-vikings/)Jazz *(coming soon)* | [Rainforests](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/rainforests/)[Hanami festival](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/hanami-festival/)[Romans](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/romans/)[South America](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/south-america/)[Blues](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/blues/)Rock and Roll *(coming soon)* | [South and West Africa](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/around-the-world-south-and-west-africa/)[Holi festival](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/holi-festival/)[Rivers](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/rivers/)[Egyptians](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/the-mayans/)[Dance Music](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/dance-music/)[Musical Theatre](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/musical-theatre/) | Leavers’ Song *(coming soon)* |
| Use and understand staff and other musical notations  | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.png../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.png | [Chinese New Year](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/festivals-chinese-new-year/)[India](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/around-the-world-india/)[Vikings](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/the-vikings/)Jazz *(coming soon)* | [Romans](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/romans/)[Blues](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/blues/)Rock and Roll *(coming soon)* | [South and West Africa](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/around-the-world-south-and-west-africa/)[Rivers](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/rivers/)[Egyptians](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/the-mayans/)[Dance Music](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/dance-music/)  | Leavers’ Song *(coming soon)* |
| Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians  | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.png../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.50.58.png | [Mountains](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/mountains/)[Ballads](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/jazz/)[Chinese New Year](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/festivals-chinese-new-year/)[India](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/around-the-world-india/)[Vikings](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/the-vikings/) Jazz *(coming soon)* | [Rainforests](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/rainforests/)[Hanami festival](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/hanami-festival/)[Romans](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/romans/)[South America](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/south-america/)[Blues](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/blues/)Rock and Roll *(coming soon)* | [South and West Africa](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/around-the-world-south-and-west-africa/)[Holi festival](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/holi-festival/)[Rivers](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/rivers/)[Egyptians](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/the-mayans/)[Dance Music](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/dance-music/)[Musical Theatre](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/musical-theatre/) | Leavers’ Song *(coming soon)* |
| Develop an understanding of the history of music | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.50.58.png | [Mountains](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/mountains/)[India](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/around-the-world-india/)Jazz *(coming soon)* | [South America](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/south-america/)[Blues](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/blues/)Rock and Roll *(coming soon)* | [South and West Africa](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/around-the-world-south-and-west-africa/)[Musical Theatre](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/musical-theatre/) |  |

**Overview of Kapow’s topics by year**

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| **Year 1** | **All About Me***(5 lessons)*Children get to know one another through games and activities designed to introduce them to the musical concepts of pulse and rhythm[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/all-about-me/) | **Fairy Tales***(5 lessons)*Pupils are introduced to the concept of timbre, creating sounds to represent characters and key moments in a story. They explore dynamics through untuned percussion and create rhythmic patterns to tell a familiar fairy tale [**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/fairy-tales/) | **Superheroes***(5 lessons)* Pupils learn to identify changes in pitch and tempo and how to use these within music before composing their own superhero theme tune with instruments [**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/superheroes/) | **Animals***(5 lessons)*Children listen and respond to music, representing animals using their bodies and instruments. They learn and perform a song, and compose a short section of music as a group using their voices and instruments[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/animals/) | **Space***(5 lessons)*Children journey into space through music, movement, chanting and the playing of tuned percussion instruments, culminating in a final composition[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/space/) | **By the Sea***(5 lessons)*Pupils look at how to represent the sounds of the seaside using their voices, bodies and instruments and explore how music can convey a particular mood[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-1/by-the-sea/) |
| **Curriculum coverage**  | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngClapping and playing in time to the pulsePlaying simple rhythms on an instrument ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngUnderstanding the difference between pulse and rhythm../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngImprovising vocally within a given structure | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngPerforming short chants from memory, with expression../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngResponding to a sound by likening it to a character or mood../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngCreating and selecting sounds to match a character or mood | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngPlaying simple patterns on tuned instruments incorporating high/low (pitch) and fast/slow (tempo)../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngRecognising tempo and pitch changes../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngExperimenting with tempo and pitch using tuned and untuned instruments | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngSinging short songs from memory, adding simple dynamicsPlaying instruments expressively../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngResponding expressively to music using your body../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngCreating and selecting appropriate sounds to tell a story | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngSinging and playing in response to instructions as part of a class performance../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngResponding to music through expressive and appropriate movement../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngCreating a sequence of notesCreating a chant | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngPerforming from graphic notation../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngListening to and commenting on the descriptive features of music../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngSelecting appropriate instruments to create an intended effect, using dynamics and tempo to add interest |
| **Cross curricular links**  | PSHE | English |  | PE (Dance) | Science | Geography |

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| **Year 2** | **Musical Me***(5 lessons)*Children learn to sing and then play the song ‘Once a Man Fell in a Well’ using tuned percussion; adding sound effects, experimenting with timbre and dynamics and using letter notation to write a melody[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-2/musical-me/) | **Traditional Stories***(5 lessons)*Children are introduced to the instruments of the orchestra and practice identifying musical instruments as well as composing music based on familiar stories[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-2/traditional-stories/) | **Myths and Legends***(5 lessons)* ***COMING SOON!***Listening to music composed to tell stories from famous myths and legends, children develop their understanding of musical language and how timbre, dynamics and tempo affect the mood of a song | **Animals**(5 lessons)Children use instruments to represent animals, copy rhythms, read simple notation and learn a traditional African call and response song, before creating their own call and response rhythms[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-2/animals/) | **Space**(5 lessons)***COMING SOON!***Inspired by *The Planets* by Holst, children represent a planet through music and compose their own motif bookended by a soundscape to represent a journey through space | **On This Island**(5 lessons)Taking inspiration from the British Isles, children compose soundscapes to represent the contrasting landscapes of the UK: seaside, countryside and city[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/key-stage-1/year-2/on-this-island/) |
| **Curriculum coverage**  | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngSinging and playing untuned instruments at the same time Playing a melody from letter notation ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngRepeating a melody by ear../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngChoosing appropriate dynamics and timbre for a piece of music  | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngPerforming a story using vocal and instrumental sound effects../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngRecognising timbre changes../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngImprovising vocal sound effects for a storyCreating a tune to describe a character | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngSinging songs from memory with confidence and accuracy../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngRecognising structural features../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngLayering instrumental and vocal sounds and patterns within a given structure  | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngRecognising playing a short rhythm from simple notation ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngSuggesting improvements to their workRelating music to feelings../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngCreating short sequences of sound on a given idea | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngPerforming a melodic motif musically../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngListening for and recognising instrumentation ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngCreating a melodic motif from a set of five notes | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngSinging with confidence and expression../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngUsing musical vocabulary to describe the music they hear../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngCreating and making improvements to a soundscape |
| **Cross curricular links**  |  | English | English |  | Science  | Geography  |

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| **Year 3** | **Vikings***(5 lessons)*Pupils develop their singing skills in this History-themed topic while learning to recognise staff notation[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/the-vikings/) | **Around the World: India***(5 lessons)*Children learn about traditional Indian music, including the rag and the tal, identifying instruments used and create their own improvisation in this style[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/around-the-world-india/) | **Chinese New Year***(5 lessons)* Children listen to the story of Chinese New Year. revise key musical terminology, play and create pentatonic melodies compose a piece of music as a group using layered melodies[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/festivals-chinese-new-year/) | **Ballads***(5 lessons)*Listening to examples of ballads, children develop their understanding of them as a form of storytelling, before then writing lyrics for their own ballad in response to an animation[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/jazz/) | **Jazz***(5 lessons)****COMING SOON!***Children are introduced to jazz, including how the genre of music evolved over time, and learn how to compose and perform a piece with swung quavers | **Mountains***(5 lessons)*Building on their knowledge of soundscapes, children create their own original compositions to match an animation, building up layers of texture and giving consideration to the dynamics, pitch and tempo throughout. [**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-3/mountains/) |
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| **Year 4** | **Romans***(5 lessons)*Drawing upon their understanding of repeating patterns in music, pupils are introduced to the concept of motifs and develop their skills further by adapting, transposing and performing motifs[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/romans/) | **South America***(5 lessons)*After learning about instruments traditionally found in a samba band, children learn about syncopated rhythms and how to compose a samba break[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/south-america/) | **Hanami***(5 lessons)* Children learn about the Japanese festival of Hanami which celebrates spring before creating creating sound effects and music to represent the falling cherry blossoms[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/hanami-festival/) | **Rock and Roll***(5 lessons)****COMING SOON!***Children learn about the significance of dancing within the evolution of music and learn to play a walking bass line, which is characteristic of this genre of music  | **Blues***(5 lessons)*After learning about the history of blue music, children are introduced to the 12 bar blues before they then learn how to play it and recognise it in other music[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/blues/) | **Rainforests***(5 lessons)*Children explore the rainforest through music. Using a mixture of body percussion and tuned percussion instruments, they create their own rhythms of the rainforest, layer by layer[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/rainforests/) |
| **Curriculum coverage**  | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngPlaying melody parts on tuned instruments with accuracy and control, with developing vocal technique../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngRecognising the use and development of motifs in music../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngCreating a motif-based composition and notating this using roman mosaic artwork | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngPlaying syncopated rhythms with accuracy, control and fluency../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngRecognising the stylistic features of samba music ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngComposing a rhythmic break../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.50.58.pngLearning about the origin of samba music  | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngExploring timbre using their voices expressively ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngRecognising, naming and explaining the function of the interrelated dimensions of music../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngCreating and performing a group composition within a given structure using both melodic and rhythmic instruments | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngPerforming a walking bass lineSinging in time and in tune../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngRecognising the features of rock and roll music../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.50.58.pngIdentifying the links between this and other genres of music | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngPerforming the blues scale on a tuned percussion instrument../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngHearing when songs play the 12 bar blues../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngImprovising a blues performance../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.50.58.pngUnderstanding how this genre of music came to be | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngAccurately performing a composition as part of a group../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngIdentifying scaled dynamics (crescendo / decrescendo) within a piece of music ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngCreating body percussion rhythmsCreating a melody loop on tuned percussion |
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| **Year 5** | **Egyptians***(5 lessons)*Children learn to identify the pitch and rhythm of written notes and then experiment with notating their compositions using hieroglyphs as well as standard staff notation[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/the-mayans/) | **South and West Africa***(5 lessons)*Children learn and perform a traditional African song, playing the accompanying chords using tuned percussion and play the djembe (African drum)[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/around-the-world-south-and-west-africa/) | **Holi***(5 lessons)* Learning about the Indian festival of colour, children explore the associations between music, sounds and colour building up to composing and performing their own musical composition to represent Holi[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/holi-festival/) | **Rivers***(5 lessons)*Children associate the stages of the river with different rhythms and learn what an ostinato is and how it’s used in music[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/rivers/) | **Dance Music***(5 lessons)*Children learn how dance music is created, focusing particularly on the use of loops, and learn to play a well known song before putting a dance music spin to it [**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/dance-music/) | **Musical Theatre***(5 lessons)*Children learn how singing, acting and dancing can be combined to give an overall performance to tell a story. They learn how this genre has changed over time before creating their own scene from a musical[**Go to topic**](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/music/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/musical-theatre/)  |
| **Curriculum coverage**  | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngPerforming accurately from graphic notation using voices and instruments../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngIdentifying how the key features of music are written down, by following a score whilst listening../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngCreating a sound story using voices and instruments, and notate it using hieroglyphs | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngSinging a traditional African song unaccompaniedPlaying a chord progression on tuned percussion../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngRecognising the stylistic features of south and west African music../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngComposing an eight beat rhythmic break../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.50.58.pngLearning how music evolved in different traditions | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngParticipating in a class performance ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngRepresenting a known piece of music using a graphic score../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngCreating vocal compositions based on a picture and a colour  | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngSinging in two parts with expression and dynamicsPerforming a vocal ostinato as part of a layered ensemble../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngUsing musical vocabulary to describe the detailed features of a piece of musicSuggesting improvements to their own and others work ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngCreating a rhythmic ostinato | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngPlaying their own composition in time with a backing rhythm../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngHearing loops or sections of music within remixes../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngCreating their own remix using fragments of a known song | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngParticipating in a group performance to tell a storyPerforming a vocal ostinato as part of a layered ensemble../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngIdentify the features of songs from musical theatre../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngComposing an original piece or using familiar songs to tell a story../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.50.58.pngUnderstanding what musical theatre looked and sounded like across decades  |
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| **Year 6** | We have included just one topic within our music content for Year 6 to reflect the curriculum time that is often available |
| **Leavers’ Song**[*(6 lessons)*](https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/computing/upper-key-stage-2/year-5/data-hardware-and-processing-mars-rover-1/)***COMING SOON!***Children create their very own leavers’ song personal to their experiences as a class; listening to and critiquing well known songs reflective of new beginnings, writing the lyrics for the chorus and verses and exploring the concept of the four chord backing track and composing melodies |
| **Curriculum coverage**  | ../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.18.pngImprovising over and singing known melodies to a 4-chord backing trackSinging in an ensemble with 2 or more independent partsPerforming a song as a class with accuracy, fluency, control and expression../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.06.pngIdentifying the way that the features of a song can complement one another to create a coherent overall effect Using musical vocabulary correctly when describing the features of a piece of music../Desktop/Screen%20Shot%202018-11-26%20at%2017.51.12.pngWriting song lyrics within a given structureComposing a melody within a given structure |
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