



Music Vocabulary Progression Map

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Violin, Cello, Double base, Classical, String instruments, Woodwind instruments, Brass instruments Bar – a regular section on a staff, separated by vertical Lines. Canon – tune that is repeated at regular intervals by different performers, but with different starting times. Downbeat – first beat in a bar. Staff – five horizontal lines on which notes are written. Tempo – speed of a piece. Time signature – how many beats to a bar. Melody- a tune is a combination of pitch and rhythm. Crescendo – getting louder. Octave – 8 full tones above the key note- start and end of a scale. Crotchet – 1 beat Minim – 2 beats	Crescendo – getting louder. Decrescendo – getting quieter. Strum-sweeping the thumb across the strings. Pluck- by picking or pulling a string with fingers. Ukulele chord – 2 or more notes played simultaneously. Drone – monotonous tone. Key – system of notes based on a key note. Semibreve – 4 beats. Quaver – ½ beat Crotchet rest – 1 beat. Timbre- the quality of the sound. Texture- the different layers in a piece of music Forte – loud. Diminuendo- gradually getting quieter and slows down.	Sharp – note to be raised by a semitone. Semitone- one twelfth of an octave- the smallest interval in western music. Slur – a curve over notes, suggesting that it is slurred together. Staccato – short, sharp notes. Flat – playing a note a semitone lower than the written one. Dissonance – harsh sounds, chords not in harmony. Chord progression – string of chords played in succession, usually a pattern. Vibrato – quickly alternating between two notes – a wobbly sound. Lento – slow.	Harmony – pleasing combination of two or more notes, played in background behind melody. Accent – where the music is emphasised. Off beat – the unaccented beat. Adagio – slow and calm. Allegro – quick and lively. Andante – relaxed and flowing. Moderato – a reasonable pace. Presto – quick and lively. Prestissimo – extremely quick. Vivace- fast, lively. Mezzo forte- moderately loud Piano- quiet.