

Sulivan School Music Curriculum Overview



	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery Tuned and Untuned Percussion	Nursery Rhymes, action songs and games Can I move/dance to music? Can I copy simple melodies? Can I use different voices (singing, shouting, speaking, whisper) Can I take turns in circle games? Can I explore percussion instruments by responding to what they have heard?	Nativity Performance Can I learn a chorus off by heart? Can I perform to an audience? Can I learn actions to songs? Can I use my singing voice? Can I follow directions from a conductor/leader?	Nursery Rhymes, action songs and games Can I move/dance to music? Can I copy simple melodies? Can I use different voices (singing, shouting, speaking, whisper) Can I take turns in circle games? Can I explore percussion instruments by responding to what they have heard?	Nursery Rhymes, action songs and games Can I move/dance to music? Can I copy simple melodies? Can I use different voices (singing, shouting, speaking, whisper) Can I take turns in circle games? Can I explore percussion instruments by responding to what they have heard?	Nursery Rhymes, action songs and games Can I move/dance to music? Can I copy simple melodies? Can I use different voices (singing, shouting, speaking, whisper) Can I take turns in circle games? Can I explore percussion instruments by responding to what they have heard?	Nursery Rhymes, action songs and games Can I move/dance to music? Can I copy simple melodies? Can I use different voices (singing, shouting, speaking, whisper) Can I take turns in circle games? Can I explore percussion instruments by responding to what they have heard?
Reception	Making friends	Nativity Performance	Class Orchestra	Spring Soundscape	Animal Compositions	Moving up
Tuned and Untuned Percussion	Can I use several types of voices (whisper, loud, talking, singing etc) Can I sing a song with actions? Can I sing/play and stop at the right time? Can I take turns in games? Can I sing on my own? Can I sing on my own? Can I sing/play with a good sense of pulse?	Can I learn songs off by heart? Can I perform to an audience? Can I learn actions to songs? Can I use my singing voice? Can I follow directions from a conductor/leader?	Can I play an instrument as part of a class orchestra? Can I name percussion instruments? Can I copy four beat rhythms? Can I recognise different rhythmic notes – crotchets (walking) and quavers (jogging)? Can I recognise different dimensions of music and imitate them?	Can I choose appropriate instruments to depict spring sounds? Can I take it turns in games? Can I recognise and play quietly/loudly, fast/slow, high/low? Can I listen to others in a group and show respect? Can I lead a group as a conductor?	Can I compose music to depict different animals? (A mouse – fast high pitch or an elephant – slow and low pitch)? Can I work in a small group to compose my own musical ideas? Can I take turns? Can I play using different dimensions of music?	Can I sing a song with actions? Can I sing/play and stop at the right time in mass singing? (assembly) Can I lead games Can I sing on my own with confidence? Can I sing/play/move with a good sense of pulse? Can I perform a graduation song to an audience? (Three little birds) Can I recognise different percussion instruments when listening to music?
Year 1 Ukulele	Welcome to the Ukulele! Can I play the ukulele with correct posture? Can I play and stop following a conductor? Can I name the various parts of the ukulele? Can I name the four open strings? Can I play in time?	Christmas Performance Can I learn Christmas songs off by heart? Can I perform to an audience? Can I learn actions to songs? Can I sing with character? Can I learn a four-beat motif and play in time as part of a whole school orchestra?	It's Raining, It's Pouring Can I play the ukulele with different techniques? Can I copy a four-beat pattern using open strings? Can I improvise my own four beat patterns?	Springtime Performance Can I perform to an audience in a professional manner? Can I sing with expression? Can I perform with good posture? Can I perform as a soloist?	Frere Jacques Can I press down on the fretboard to make different pitched notes? Can I play a C major chord? Can I sing in a round? Can I play in time to the music? Can I follow a conductor?	Composing music inspired by Birdsong Can I compose in small groups using simple graphic scores? Can I create music for effect using open strings and C major chords? Can I compose simple patterns using voices, body percussion, and then instruments?

		Can I recognise a chorus/verse?	Can I rap and sing? Can I use character when singing?	Can I remember music off by heart when performing on the ukulele?		Can I follow signals given by a conductor/leader? Can I improvise solos?
Year 2 Ukulele	Autumn Leaves Composition Can I play an A minor chord? Can I compose music to represent autumn leaves? Can I add different textures to my composition?	Christmas Performance Can I learn Christmas songs off by heart? Can I perform to an audience in a professional manner? Can I learn Makaton actions to songs? Can I sing with character and confidence? Can I recognise a chorus/verse and perform at the right time?	Fly with the Stars Can I recognise the notes C and A on a stave? Can I play semibreves counting in my head? Can I change between C major and A minor chords smoothly and musically? Can I play C major and A minor chords in an accompaniment to a song?	Springtime Performance Can I perform to an audience in a professional manner? Can I sing with expression? Can I perform with good posture? Can I perform as a soloist? Can I remember music off by heart when performing on the ukulele?	Three little birds Can I play an F major chord? Can I change between the chords C major and F major? Can I play chords and single notes in a musical style? Can I recognise the notes C and F on the stave? Can I read tab notation? Can I sing and play at the same time keeping in time to the music?	Train Compositions Can I analyse four pieces of music inspired by travel/vehicles? Can I learn a simple rhythm pattern and perform it with tempo and volume changes? Can I name some musical terms crescendo, diminuendo, accelerando, ritenuto? Can I play C major, A minor, F major chords in my own composition? Can I follow signals from a conductor?
Year 3 Recorder	Welcome to the Recorder! Can I play the recorder with correct posture? Can I use my tongue to play and stop the sound? Can I play the note B and A? Can I make a good sound? Can I recognise the notes B and A on the stave?	Christmas Performance Can I learn Christmas songs off by heart in three-part harmony? Can I perform to an audience in a professional manner? Can I learn Makaton actions to songs? Can I sing with expression and confidence? Can I recognise a chorus/verse and perform at the right time in a whole school orchestra?	Groove 'n' play the Salsa Can I play the notes B, A and G with a good sound? Can I play in 4/4 time? Can I remember a melody without notation? Can I copy rhythms?	Paintpot Can I play the new note E? Can I play the notes B, A, G and E in a melody with crotchets, minims, and semibreves? Can I copy rhythms using the note E? Can I improvise my own rhythms using the note E? Can I read the staff notation of the notes B, A, G and E? Can I play music with a 3/4-time signature?	Fanfare for the Common Man (Royal Festival Hall Trip) Can I improvise and compose, exploring how timbre, dynamics and texture can be used for impact in a fanfare? Can I compose a fanfare using a small set of notes B, A, G, and E? Can I listen and appraise a fanfare using music vocabulary? Big Kite Can I play the notes B, A, G and E with fluency using crotchets, minims, and quavers?	KS2 Production Can I sing with expression and in part harmony for the KS2 production? Can I sing with good diction? Can I Suggest and try out suitable actions/movements for our new song? Can I Sing new repertoire increasingly in tune Can I Sing what I know of the song so far from memory? Can I play a motif/recorder melody along to a song from the production?
Year 4	Spooky Stories Can I work in a group to create music? Can I choose different dimensions of music to portray spooky sounds? Can I compose a recorder	Christmas Performance Can I learn Christmas songs off by heart in three-part harmony? Can I perform to an audience in a professional manner?	This Little Light of Mine Can I improvise on the recorder on the notes B, A, G and E? Can I sing in a Gospel style with expression and dynamics? Can I play a bass part and rhythm ostingto along with This	London's Burning Can I notate a melody using the stave? Can I sing as a round accompanied by an ostinato? Can I play a melody and an ostinato at the same time keeping	Stand By Me Can I play the chorus as a duet with descant and treble recorders?	KS2 Production Can I sing with expression and in part harmony for the KS2 production? Can I sing with good diction?
Recorder	Can I compose a recorder ostinato and perform this within a group composition?	in a professional manner?	rhythm ostinato along with This Little Light of mine?	ostinato at the same time keeping a steady pulse? Can I play the new note D?		Can I sing with good diction?

	Can I compose music with a beginning, middle and end?	Can I sing with expression and confidence? Can I recognise a chorus/verse and perform at the right time in a whole school orchestra? Can I play in two parts with descant and treble recorders?	Can I sing in three parts with partner songs (I am going to sing/when the saints/swing low)?	Can I compose my own group arrangement of London's Burning using an ostinato/round/ drone? Can I perform to an audience?	Can I count four beats in a bar when playing the chords as a class ensemble? Can I play the new note C? Can I play a melody which incorporates the notes B, A, G, E, D and C? Can I sing this souls song with recorder accompaniment and perform as a class?	Can I Suggest and try out suitable actions/movements for our new song? Can I Sing new repertoire increasingly in tune Can I Sing what I know of the song so far from memory? Can I play a recorder melody along to a song from the production?
Year 5 Keyboard	Welcome to the Keyboard! Can I find middle C on the keyboard? Can I use all five fingers on my right hand to play a five- note scale? Can I read the notes on the stave from middle C to G? Can I compose my own Classical minuet melody in 3/4-time signature using the notes middle C to G?	Christmas Performance Can I learn Christmas songs off by heart in three-part harmony? Can I perform to an audience in a professional manner? Can I sing with expression and confidence? Can I recognise a chorus/verse and perform at the right time in a whole school orchestra? Can I play in two parts with descant and treble recorders?	Hey Mr Miller Can I compose a syncopated melody using the notes of the C major scale with my right hand and left hand (in octaves)? Can I sing a syncopated melody accurately and in tune? Can I sing and play a class arrangement of the song with a good sense of ensemble? Can I listen to historical recordings of big band swing and describe features of the music using music vocabulary?	Global Pentatonic Can I find sharps and flats on the keyboard (F sharp for example)? Can I compose using the pentatonic melody? Can I improvise and create pentatonic patterns? Can I use notation to represent musical ideas? Can I compare music extracts and understand that the pentatonic scale features in lots of music traditions and cultures?	Composing in Ternary Form Can I play a chord on the keyboard? Can I compose a piece in ternary form using major and minor chords with a melody in pairs? Can I notate ideas to form a simple score to play from? Can I understand and recognise ternary form?	KS2 Production Can I sing with expression and in part harmony for the KS2 production? Can I sing with good diction? Can I Suggest and try out suitable actions/movements for our new song? Can I sing new repertoire increasingly in tune Can I play a motif/keyboard melody/bass line along to a song from the production?
Year 6 Keyboard	From Pachelbel's Canon to the Blues Can I play the Basso Continuo from Pachelbel's Canon using my right hand keeping a steady pulse? Can I recognise the devices used in Baroque music through to the Blues in a historical context? Can I play chords in a blues style and learn the twelve- bar blues? Can I improvise a melody over the twelve-bar blues? Can I notate ideas down to compose a twelve-bar piece of music as a duet?	Christmas Performance Can I learn Christmas songs off by heart in three-part harmony? Can I perform to an audience in a professional manner? Can I sing with expression and confidence? Can I recognise a chorus/verse and perform at the right time in a whole school orchestra? Can I play in two parts with descant and treble recorders? Can I sing as a soloist?	Variations of Twinkle Twinkle Can I create variations using a wide variety of composing techniques? Can I compose using different dimensions of music? Can I improvise on top of a repeating bassline? Can I play Twinkle, twinkle, little star with my right hand and play chords in my left hand? Can I perform as a duet?	Song Writing – Just the way you are by Bruno Mars Can I learn a chord sequence from Bruno Mars' 'Just the way you are' from notation Can I sing and play at the same time? Can I use this chord sequence as a basis for my own composition by writing my own melody?	Playing in a Band Can I orchestrate my keyboard melody and chords into a band performance? Can I write lyrics to my song? Can I create a structure for my song to include a chorus/verse/bridge? Can I play an instrument such as keyboards/flutes/violins/ percussion/guitars in time with each other as an ensemble? Can I perform to an audience?	KS2 Production Can I sing with expression and in part harmony for the KS2 production? Can I sing with good diction? Can I Suggest and try out suitable actions/movements for our new song? Can I Sing new repertoire increasingly in tune Can I Sing what I know of the song so far from memory? Can I play a keyboard melody and chords along to a song from the production? Can I sing as a soloist in a duet?