



# Shadsworth Infant Music Curriculum - EYFS and KS1 Progression of Musical Vocabulary



**Kapow**  
Primary



## Music Key vocabulary

A list of vocabulary that is covered across the Kapow Primary Music scheme of work.  
Words in **bold** show new vocabulary that has been introduced.

# Music vocabulary

EYFS



## Celebration music

music, dance, tempo, move, Diwali, celebration, traditional, Hanukkah, Hora, kinnor, harp, flute, Jewish, trumpet, cymbals, tambourine, shofar, Kwanzaa, Africa, culture, call, response, drum, rhythm, beat, instrument, Christmas, Christian, sleigh bells, actions, action songs, voice sounds, body percussion

## Exploring sound

voice, voice sounds, sound, instrument, loud, quiet, high, low, squeaky, soft, deep, body sounds, body percussion, sound, tempo, fast, slow, rhythm, beat, instrumental sounds, tempo, fast, quickly, slowly, dynamic, loudly, quietly, environmental sounds, pitch, middle, nature sounds

## Music and movement

actions, action songs, sign language, Makaton, deaf, communication, communicating, understand, lyrics, verse, beat, music, heartbeat, pulse, steady, repeat, constant, drum, piece, composer, tempo, fast, moderate, medium, slow, dance, pitch, high, low, sound, whistle, triangle, siren, cello, perform, performance, audience

## Musical stories

classical music, pitch, high, low, tempo, fast, slow, dynamic, loud, quiet, musical story, lyrics, melody, character, instrument, song, actions, percussion, compose, perform, performance

## Big band

music, musical instrument, band, sound, shake, tap, bang, strum, jingle, tempo, dynamic, pitch, beat, orchestra, sound, rhythm, beat, conductor, wind, strings, percussion, brass

# Music vocabulary

Year 1



## Pulse and rhythm (Theme: All about me)

body percussion, chant, clap, copy, drum, instrument, in time, shaker, percussion instrument, perform, play, pulse, rhythm, sing, syllables

## Classical music, dynamics and tempo (Theme: Animals)

accuracy, actions, choir, composing, composition, confidence, dynamics, fast, instruments, in time, loud, melody percussion, performance, perform, quiet, repeat, represent, rhythm, sections, silence, sing, slow

## Musical vocabulary

actions, celeste, chorus, dynamics, fast, graphic score, heartbeat, high, in time, layers, low, pitch, Pulse, rhythm, slow, speed, structure, tempo, texture, timbre, thick, thin, tune, verse

## Timbre and rhythmic patterns (Theme: Fairy Tales)

bassoon, beat, body percussion, chant, clap, clarinet, compose, flute, French horn, instruments, oboe, orchestra, patterns, performance, play, plot, pulse, repeated phrases, represent, rhythm, rhythmic pattern, sound, strings, syllables, timbre, timpani, voice

## Pitch and tempo (Theme: Superheroes)

accelerando, compose, fast, features, gradually, high, low, note, pattern, performance, pitch, play, rallentando, slow, sing, tempo, theme tune

## Vocal and Body sounds (Theme: By the sea)

body percussion, brass, conductor, dynamics, fast, inspire, instruments, layer, loud, mood, percussion, performance, pitch, quiet, represent, slow, sounds, speed, strings, vocal sounds, volume, woodwind

# Music vocabulary

Year 2



## African call and response song (Theme: Animals)

actions, backing track, beat, call and response, composition, copy, dynamics, instrument, in time, performance, represent, rhythm, rhythmic notation, Sequence, sound, structure, tempo, timbre, vary, volume

## Orchestral instruments (Theme: Traditional Western stories)

actions, brass, characters, clarinet, composition, cymbals, dynamics, emotion, French horn, instrumental sounds, musicians, oboe, orchestra, orchestral, percussion, performing, sections, string, sound effect, tempo, timbre, trombone, tuba, vocals, woodwind

## Musical me

beat, composer, composition, dynamics, emotion, imitate, in time, letter, melody, notation, notes, pattern, performance, pulse, represent, rhythm, sound effects, timbre, tune, volume

## Dynamics, timbre, tempo and motifs (Theme: Space)

Accuracy, arrange, atmosphere, brass, compare, composer, contrast, dynamics, effect, emotion, improvise, inspiration, interpretation, mood, motif, notate, orchestra, percussion, rhythm, sequence, soundscape, strings, symbols, timbre, visual interpretation, woodwind

## On this island: British songs and sounds

accurately, body percussion, compose, composition, duration, dynamics, folk song, inspired, inspiration, inter-related dimensions of music, layered effect, lyrics, performing, pitch, representing, soundscape, structure, tempo, texture, timbre, voice percussion

## Myths and legends

beat, bow, cello, chorus, compose, composition, dynamics, graphic score, harpsichord, instrumental, layers, melody, notation, performance, pluck, pitch, represent, rhythm, stave notation, structure, tempo, texture, thick, thin, timbre, verse, violin, viola