Music Overview: Whole School

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn	Special Days Perform simple songs as part of a short performance for parents.	A Standing Ovation Match firework movements to classical music. Rama and Sita song. Christmas performance.	Pulse and Rhythm Understand pulse and rhythm; how they are different and how to use them	Pulse, Rhythm and Ostinato Recap pulse, begin to read, write and play simple rhythms, create an ostinato	Rhythm and Meter Understand the relationship between rhythm and meter and to be able to play both	Ostinato and Rhythmic Notation Read, write and play rhythms, up to 8 beats, from notation and play ostinato rhythms simultaneously		Meter, Chords and Triads Recap scales and chords and understand triads and recap meter
Spring	On the Move Use percussion instruments to make the rhythm of the train as it travels Make up their own verses to The Wheels on the Bus.	Castles, Knights and Dragons Sing and perform nursery rhymes.	Melody and Shape Understand melody and how it is used in pieces of music	Meter and Melody Understand dynamics, shape and phrases, identifying meter and begin to play a melody by ear	Melodic Phrases Understand melody and to use it by reading it from notation and making up their own	Phrases and Structure Create simple, melodic phrases; understand structure and use it to create an effect	Structure and Melodic Phrases Be able to hear up and down melodic phrases and use this to be able to create their own melodic phrase. Begin to notice structure of music	Rhythm and Melody Copy and improvise 8 beat rhythm phrases and accompany a tune with a melodic ostinato. Put the two together
Summer	All Creatures Great and Small Respond to and talk about African music.	Listen to a range of African music; traditional drumming, highlife and reggae. Watch performances of African dance. Create sequences of movement. Where We Live Listen to and learn simple songs from different countries	Melodic sounds and Phrases Understand phrases and how they are used as well as recognising ascending/descending sounds and used them appropriately	Melodic notation Begin to read melodic notation and identify ascending and descending passages	Structure and Mood Understand the relationship between music and mood and begin to create mood through music	Pitch Notation Understand how to read and play pitch notation	Scales, Chords and Sequences Understand what a scale is and a chord and how they are used in musical sequences	Organise, Create and Perform Organise melodic phrases into a simple structure and create phrases to perform, considering various musical elements

