Music Vocabulary Progression

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
• pitch	• tone	 expression 	communicate the
• melody	shape of the melody	• march	meaning/mood
• compose	 two/three part rounds 	• fanfare	• phrasing
• posture	 increasing pitch accuracy 	 combining musical 	• dynamics
breathing	faster/ slower	phrases and effects	accuracy of pitch
• diction	phrases	 graphical compositions 	• intentions
louder / quieter	perform	• silence	 pitched and unpitched
• verse	• drones	• chord	accompaniment
• chorus	pentatonic scale	• flat	• sequence
rhythmic accompaniment	 tuned and untuned 	• sharp	manipulate
ostinato patterns	accompaniments	 dotted rhythm 	melodic ostinato
• pulse	call and response	• staccato	 musical dimensions
• tempo	repetition / echo	• legato	dotted quavers
• minim	atmosphere	 crescendo 	gospel song
• crotchet	texture	• legato	protest song
• quaver	• timbre	 diminuendo 	musical similarities/
• semibreve	layers of sound	 soundscapes 	differences
	• metre		 variety of styles
	• riff		• traditions
	• structure		• lyrics
	cyclic patterns		
	harmony		
	orchestral		
	standard notation		