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|  | Vocabulary | Meaning |
| EYFS | high  instruments  loud  low  perform  quiet  songs  volume  long  short  tap  shake  beat  warm ups | High pitch sounding notes.  Musical instruments that can be played.  Loud volume.  Low pitch sounding notes.  Playing or singing in front of people.  Quiet volume.  Lyrics or rhymes that people sing.  The volume instruments are played at.  e.g. the length of a note.  e.g. the length of a note.  The way you play some percussion instruments.  The way you play some percussion instruments.  The steady timing in a piece of music (what you might clap along to). Also see pulse.  Singing warm ups to prepare our voices. |
| KS1 | a cappella  beat  breathing  duet  duration  improvisation  melody  pitch  rhythm  solo  melody  compose  tempo  percussion | To sing, individually or as a group, unaccompanied (without any instruments).  A piece of music or song that is performed by two people.  Breathing in the correct places during singing or playing.  The length of a sound or piece of music  When a piece, or a part of a piece of music is made up on the spot by one or more musicians.  A sequence of notes (a tune).  Pitch is how high or low a sound is.  A pattern of long and short notes (like the pattern of words in a song).  A section or piece of music or song performed by one person. |
| LKS2 | adagio  allegro  andante  bars  crotchet  crotchet rest  dynamics  evaluate  forte  fortissimo  minim  minim rest  ostinato  pianissimo  piano  posture  pulse  quaver  rest  semibreve  semibreve rest  tempo  vocals | To be played slowly.  Performed quickly and happily.  Performed at medium speed.  The way in which written music is divided up (a bit like musical sentences).  A symbol used in written music notation that represents a note that lasts for one beat.  A pause that lasts for one beat.  The loudness or softness at which musicians play a section or piece of music.  To sum up the effectiveness of music, often to develop and improve.  Performed loudly.  Performed very loudly.  A written note that lasts for two beats.  A pause that lasts for two beats.  A repeated rhythm or phrase.  Played very quietly.  Not just the instrument! Used in written music to mean play quietly.  The way you sit or stand to get the best sound.  The steady beat in a piece of music (what you might clap along to) can be referred to as the pulse.  In written music, a symbol used to show a note that lasts for half a beat.  A pause where no notes are played or held.  A symbol used in written music to show a note that lasts for four beats.  A symbol used in written music to show a pause that lasts for four beats.  The speed at which a piece or section of music is played.  Singing that is within a piece of music. |
| UKS2 | aural  bass clef  chord  context  dynamics  flat  harmony  key  octave  sharp  staccato  stave  time signature  treble clef | Listening to pieces of music – often for response.  A sign on a piece of written music. On piano music, it identifies the notes to be played with the left hand.  Three or more notes (pitches) played together at the same time.  Knowing the context of a piece of music to inform playing/ singing style.  Using dynamic range as an expressive tool.  In written music, a flat lowers the pitch of a note by half a step.  Two or more notes (pitches) played or sung together.  A series of notes around which pieces of music and songs are written.  A range of eight whole notes, for example: Middle C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C.  In written music, this mark heightens the pitch of a note by half a step.  A short note or notes played sharply where the sound is not allowed to ring out.  The five lines that musical notes are written on.  Used in written music, the time signature explains how many beats there are in a bar.  A sign on a piece of music. On piano music, it shows the notes to be played with the right hand. |