Music – Year Five and Six



UKS2 Cycle 1			
Autumn	Songs of WW2	Autumn	Composition & notation (Ancient Egypt)
	Developing greater accuracy in pitch and control. Identifying pitches within an octave when singing and using knowledge of pitch to develop confidence when singing in parts.	2	Identifying the pitch and rhythm of written notes and experimenting with notating their compositions in different ways to further develop understanding of staff notation.
Spring 1	Musical Theatre	Spring 2	Theme & Variations (Pop Art)
	An introduction to musical theatre, learning how singing, acting and dancing can be combined to give an overall performance, exploring how music can be used to tell a story and learning about performance aspects.		Exploring the musical concept of theme and variations and discovering how rhythms can 'translate' onto different instruments
Summer	Film Music	Summer	Composing & Performing (leavers' song)
1	Exploring and identifying the characteristics of film music. Creating a composition and graphic score to perform alongside a film.	2	Creating their own leavers' song personal to their experiences as a class; listening to and critiquing well known songs, writing the lyrics, exploring the concept of the four chord backing track and composing melodies.
UKS2 Cycle 2			
Autumn 1	Looping & Remixng Learning how dance music is created, focusing particularly on the use of loops, and learning how to play a well known song before putting a dance music spin on it to create their own versions.	Autumn 2	Identifying the key features and mood of Blues music and its importance and purpose. Learning the 12-bar Blues and the Blues scale, and combining these to create an improvised piece with a familiar, repetitive backing.
Spring 1	Dynamics, Pitch & Texture (Fingal's Cave — Mendelssohn)	Spring 2	Composition to represent the festival of colour (Holi)
	Appraising the work of Mendelssohn and further developing the skills of improvisation and composition.		Exploring the associations between music, sounds and colour, composing and, as a class and performing their own musical composition.
Summer	South & West Africa	Summer	Composing & Performing (leaveres' song)
1	Learning 'Shosholoza', a traditional South African song, playing the accompanying chords using tuned percussion and learning to play the djembe and some dance moves.	2	Creating their own leavers' song personal to their experiences as a class; listening to and critiquing well known songs, writing the lyrics, exploring the concept of the four chord backing track and composing melodies.