

Primary Music Curriculum – Vocabulary List

Year	Vocabulary
Reception	High/Low
	Fast/Slow
	Quiet/Loud
	Start/Stop
	Pulse
	Steady Beat
	Rhythm
	Wooden Instruments – Claves, Wood Blocks
	Metal Instruments – Triangles, Cow Bells, Chime Bars
	Shaking Instruments – Maracas, Metal Shakers, Tambourines
	Skinned Instruments – Drums, Skinned Tambourines
Year 1	High / Middle High / Middle Low / Low
	Sound Effects
	Saxophone, Trombone, Cello, Flute
	Long and Short sounds
	Ostinato
	Higher/Lower
	Faster/Slower
	Quieter/Louder
Year 2	Kodaly – Soh, Me, La
	Rhythms – Coffee (Quavers), Tea (Crotchet)
	Improvisation
	Graphic Score
	Harmonica, Trumpet
Year 3	Kodaly – Soh, Me, La , Do, Re, Me
	Rhythms – Rest (Crotchet Rest)
	Structure
	Rhythmic Ostinato
	Solfa Notation
Year 4	Kodaly – Do, Re, Me, Soh, La
	Rhythms – Latte (Dotted quaver and semiquaver)
	Pentatonic
	Dynamics
	Part Playing
	Rhythm Phrase
	Forte/Piano
	Crescendo/Diminuendo
Year 5	Kodaly – Do, Re, Me, So, La
	Rhythms – Cappuccino (semiquavers)
	Cyclic Music
	Riff
	Raga and Tintal rhythm cycle
	Drone



	Harmony
	Melody
	Accompaniment
	Chord
	Dischordant
	Atmosphere
	Ensemble
Year 6	Compound time
	Kodaly – Do, Re, Me, Fa, So, La Te, Do
	Rhythms (compound) – Mineral (three quavers), Still (dotted crotchet), Water
	(crotchet and quaver), Fizzy (quaver and crotchet)
	Staff
	Notation
	Clef
	Кеу
	Unison