

Singing progression of skills

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Join in with some of the words and actions to a song/rhyme	Sing simple songs, chants, rhymes from memory	Sing songs with a pitch range of 5 notes with increasing control and accuracy	Sing a widening range of unison songs accurately pitched and with expression	Continue to sing a broad range of unison songs within an octave (8 notes)	Sing a broad range of songs from extended repertoire with a sense of ensemble and performance	Sing a broad range of songs from extended repertoire with a sense of ensemble and performance
Attempt to pitch the melody of nursery rhymes	Sing collectively at the same pitch	Know the meaning of tempo and dynamics and be able to demonstrate these when singing and following a leader	Perform forte and piano (loud and soft)	Pitch the voice accurately and follow directions for getting louder and quieter! (crescendo/diminuendo)	Sing with accurate pitch and an awareness of phrasing and style	Sing with accurate pitch and an awareness of phrasing and style
Be aware of the difference between singing and speaking voice	Respond to simple visual directions		Perform actions confidently and in time to a range of action songs	Sing rounds and partner songs in different time signatures 2, 3, 4	Sing three part rounds, partner songs and songs with a verse and chorus	Continue to sing rounds, partner songs and songs with a verse and chorus – songs with harmony
Control extremes of volume	Begin with simple songs, with a very small pitch range 3 – 5 notes		Perform songs as a collective sharing in a performance	Begin to sing songs with small and large leaps as well as a second part to introduce vocal harmony.	Perform songs as a collective sharing in a performance and to a wider audience	Experiment with positioning of singers so parts are mixed to focus greater listening skills and vocal independence.
Follow teacher gestures for start/stop Loud/quiet	Sing a wide range of call and response songs to pitch match and control vocal pitch			Perform songs as a collective sharing in a performance		Perform songs as a collective sharing in a performance and to a wider audience