Music Curriculum Overview - Year 3

	Unit	Details
Autumn One	I've Been to Harlem	Pupils compose a pentatonic ostinato. Pupils sing a call-and-response song in groups, holding long notes confidently. Pupils perform and play melodic and rhythmic accompaniments to a song. Pupils listen and identify where notes in the melody of the song go down and up.
Autumn Two	Nao chariya de - Mingulay Boat Song Sound Symmetry	Through a wider range of listening , pupils begin to develop an understanding and appreciation of music from different musical traditions. Pupils identify that the songs are from different places in the world, use different instruments, have a different beat, and are different speeds. Pupils can use some musical vocabulary to describe these things. Pupils begin to understand that a folk song is music that belongs to the people of a particular place. Pupils compose a simple song using symmetry to develop a melody, structure, and rhythmic accompaniment. Pupils sing by composing and improvising simple melodies and rhythms and identify how the pitch and melody of a song has been developed using symmetry.
Spring One	Latin Dance	Pupils compose a 4-beat rhythm pattern to play during the instrumental sections. Pupils sing syncopated rhythms and recognise a verse, chorus and structure. Pupils perform and play a one note part contributing to chords accompanying the verses. Pupils listen to music from Cuba and describe features using music vocabulary. Pupils compose / invent a drone accompaniment for a song and pupils accompany themselves singing a call-and-response song with a drone.
Spring Two	March from The Nutcracker From a Railway Carriage	PUpils begin to develop active listening skills by responding to musical themes through movement. Pupils begin to understand the structure of rondo form (A-B-A-C-A) and develop a sense of beat and rhythmic pattern through movement. Pupils experience call-and-response patterns through moving with a partner and compose / improvise and explore a variety of ways in which words can be used to create music. Pupils create word rhythm patterns and longer sequences and explore ways to communicate atmosphere and effect. Pupils listen to pieces of music that have cleverly combined words and music and compare how different composers have approached it.
Summer	Just 3 Notes Samba with Sergio	Pupils compose simple patterns using rhythms and notes C-D-E. Pupils compose music, structuring short ideas into a bigger piece. Pupils begin to notate, read, and follow a 'score' and recognise and copy rhythms and pitches C-D-E. Pupils perform call-and-response rhythms by ear using word rhythms and transfer rhythms to instruments. Pupils perform vocal percussion as part of a group. Pupils move in time with the beat of music and talk about what has been learnt about Brazil and Carnival
Summer	Fly With the Stars	Pupils improvise ('doodle') on-the-spot phrases using A minor and C major triads. Pupils compose rising and falling question-and-answer phrases using mi-re-do (m-r-d). Pupils sing the syncopated melody confidently and with a sense of style. Pupils listen and copy back stepwise phrases using mi-re-do (m-r-d) and correctly recognise phrases from dot notation, showing different arrangements of m-r-d. Pupils create and perform rhythmic accompaniments based around arpeggios and crotchet, quaver durations.