Cromwell Academy Music Overview

Characteristics

- o A rapidly widening repertoire which they use to create original, imaginative, fluent and distinctive composing and performance work.
- o A musical understanding underpinned by high levels of aural perception, internalisation and knowledge of music, including high or rapidly developing levels of technical expertise.
- o Very good awareness and appreciation of different musical traditions and genres.
- o An excellent understanding of how musical provenance the historical, social and cultural origins of music contributes to the diversity of musical styles.
- o The ability to give precise written and verbal explanations, using musical terminology effectively, accurately and appropriately.
- o A passion for and commitment to a diverse range of musical activities.

	Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
To perform	Build up a repertoire of songs	Take part in singing, accurately following the melody.	Sing from memory with accurate pitch.	Sing or play from memory with confidence.
	Make music through instruments and everyday materials Perform dances-both choreographed and freestyle	Follow instructions on how and when to sing or play an instrument.	Sing in tune.	Perform solos or as part of an ensemble.
			Maintain a simple part within a group.	Sing or play expressively and in tune.
		Make and control long and short sounds, using voice and instruments.	Pronounce words within a song clearly.	Hold a part within a round.
		Imitate changes in pitch.	Show control of voice.	Sing a harmony part confidently and accurately.
			Play notes on an instrument with care so that they are clear.	Sustain a drone or a melodic ostinato to accompany singing.
			Perform with control and awareness of others.	Perform with controlled breathing (voice) and skillful playing (instrument).
To transcribe		Use symbols to represent a composition and use them to help with a performance.	Devise non-standard symbols to indicate when to play and rest.	Use the standard musical notation of crotchet, minim and semibreve to indicate how many beats to play.
			Recognise the notes EGBDF and FACE on the musical stave.	Read and create notes on the musical stave.
			Recognise the symbols for a minim, crotchet and semibreve And say how many beats they represent.	Understand the purpose of the treble and bass clefs and use them in transcribing compositions.
				Understand and use the # (sharp) and b (flat) symbols.
				Use and understand simple time signatures.

To compose	Make music and experiment with ways of changing them.	Create a sequence of long and short sounds.	Compose and perform melodic songs.	Create songs with verses and a chorus.
	They represent their ideas through music and	Clap rhythms.	Use sound to create abstract effects.	Create rhythmic patterns with an awareness of timbre and duration.
	dance	Create a mixture of different sounds (long and short, loud and quiet, high and low).	Create repeated patterns with a range of instruments.	Combine a variety of musical devices, including melody, rhythm and chords.
		Choose sounds to create an effect.	Create accompaniments for tunes.	Thoughtfully select elements for a piece in order to
		Sequence sounds to create an overall effect.	Use drones as accompaniments.	gain a defined effect.
		Create short, musical patterns.	Choose, order, combine and control sounds to create an effect.	Use drones and melodic ostinati (based on the pentatonic scale).
		Create short, rhythmic phrases.	Use digital technologies to compose pieces of music.	Convey the relationship between the lyrics and the melody.
				Use digital technologies to compose, edit and refine pieces of music.
To describe music	They represent their ideas through music.	Identify the beat of a tune. Recognise changes in timbre, dynamics and pitch.	Use the terms: duration, timbre, pitch, beat, tempo, texture and use of silence to describe music.	Choose from a wide range of musical vocabulary to accurately describe and appraise music including: o pitch
			Evaluate music using musical vocabulary to identify areas of likes and dislikes.	o dynamics o tempo o timbre
			Understand layers of sounds and discuss their effect on mood and feelings.	o texture o lyrics and melody o sense of occasion o expressive o solo o rounds o harmonies o accompaniments o drones o cyclic patterns o combination of musical elements o cultural context.
				Describe how lyrics often reflect the cultural context of music and have social meaning.