Reception Charanga Music Overview

This half termly (6-step) focus-based approach supports teachers in engaging all young children with music. It includes a variety of adult-led and child-initiated activities delivered through planning and play. **All the musical learning is focussed around nursery rhymes and action songs.** Each Unit of Work is supported by weekly lesson plans and assessment and has a cross curricular/topic-based focus and a musical focus that will allow the teachers to engage the children in activities related to the developmental events taking place in their changing lives. The Units of Work in Terms 1 and 2 are more flexible allowing for child-led activities based around the focus for learning. In Term One, Reflect and Rewind Unit will be replaced by The Nativity Play. In Term 3, Big Bear Funk transitions from being focus based to preparing for Year 1. The Units of Work can be delivered as a full 30-45 minute lesson, or in shorter 5, 10, 15, 20 minute bite-size sections.

Musical learning focus for Terms 1 and 2: Listening and responding to different styles of music, embedding foundations of the interrelated dimensions of music, listening to, learning to sing or sing along with nursery rhymes and action songs, improvising leading to playing classroom instruments and, share and perform the learning that has taken place.

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Autumn One	Learn to sing nursery rhymes and action songs: Pat-a-cake	Cross-curricular and topic-based focus	Musical learning focus Listening and responding to	
	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught A Fish Alive This Old Man Five Little Ducks Name Song Things For Fingers	growing homes colour toys how I look	different styles of music Embedding foundations of the interrelated dimensions of music Learning to sing or sing along with nursery rhymes and action songs Improvising leading to playing classroom instruments Share and perform the learning that has taken place	
Autumn Two – Nativity Play				
Spring One	Learn to sing nursery rhymes and action songs: I'm A Little Teapot The Grand Old Duke Of York Ring O' Roses Hickory Dickory Dock Not Too Difficult The ABC Song	Cross-curricular and topic-based focus Explore:My Stories! Using your imagination Christmas Festivals Fairies Pirates Treasure Superheroes Let's Pretend Once upon a time	Musical learning focus Listening and responding to different styles of music	
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Spring Two	Learn to sing nursery rhymes and action songs: Wind The Bobbin Up Rock-a-bye Baby Five Little Monkeys Jumping On The Bed Twinkle Twinkle If You're Happy And You Know It Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toe	Cross-curricular and topic-based focus Explore:Everyone family friends people music from around the world	Musical learning focus Listening and responding to different styles of music Embedding foundations of the interrelated dimensions of music Learning to sing or sing along with nursery rhymes and action songs Improvising leading to playing classroom instruments Singing and learning to play instruments within a song Share and perform the learning that has taken place
Summer One	Learn to sing nursery rhymes and action songs: Old Macdonald Incy Wincy Spider Baa Baa Black Sheep Row, Row, Row Your Boat The Wheels On The Bus The Hokey Cokey	Cross-curricular and topic-based focus Explore:Our World Animals Jungle Minibeasts Night and day Sand and water Seaside Seasons Weather Sea Space	Listening and responding to different styles of music Embedding foundations of the interrelated dimensions of music Learning to sing or sing along with nursery rhymes and action songs Improvising leading to playing classroom instruments Singing and learning to play instruments within a song Share and perform the learning that has taken place

Summer Two	Big Bear Funk is a transition Unit that prepares children for their musical learning in Year 1.	Musical learning focus:
		Listening and appraising Funk music
		Embedding foundations of the interrelated dimensions of music using voices and instruments
		Learning to sing Big Bear Funk and revisiting other nursery rhymes and action songs
		Playing instruments within the song
		Improvisation using voices and instruments
		Riff-based composition
		Share and perform the learning that has taken place