



Sir John Offley CE (VC) Primary School

Musical Vocabulary

For children to be able to understand musical concepts they must have a secure grasp of key musical vocabulary. Please find below a list of key words that children should be able to read and define to be able to fully access the music curriculum at Sir John Offley Primary School.

	Years 1 and 2	Years 3 and 4	Years 5 and 6
Musical vocabulary	Voice, Chant, Song, Rhythm, Tempo, Rhyme, Sing, Pulse, High, Low, Fast, Slow, Loud, Quiet, Pattern, Explore, Compose, Dimensions, Performance, Lyrics, Style, Solo, Rhythm, Short, Long, Pitch, Dynamics, Chorus	Improvise, Structure, Melody, Posture, Projection, Pronunciation, Compose, Verse, Phrase, Chorus, Notation, Appraise, Acapella, Sequence, Score, Hook, Riff, Texture, Unison	Introduction, Outro, Arrangement, Bridge, Conductor, Accompaniment, Ensemble, Style indicator, Ostinato, Diction, Backbeat, Offbeat, Syncopation, Harmony, Reoccurring theme, Sampling, urban contemporary