



Ropery Walk Music Long Term Plan – 2025/2026

Term	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4, 5 and 6
Autumn 1	Unit: Me! Golden Threads: - Listening & Appraising - Singing & Using the Voice - Playing Instruments - Creating & Composing - Performing & Sharing - Understanding Notation	Unit: Hey You! Golden Threads: - Listening & Appraising - Singing & Using the Voice - Playing Instruments	Unit: Hands, Feet, Heart Golden Threads: - Listening & Appraising - Singing & Using the Voice - Playing Instruments	Unit: Let Your Spirit Fly Golden Threads: - Singing & Using the Voice - Listening & Appraising - Playing Instruments	Brass – Durham Music Service Golden Threads: - Playing Instruments Understanding Notation - Listening & Appraising - Performing & Sharing - Singing & Using the Voice - Creating & Composing Years 4–6 are fully taught by the specialist brass teacher from Durham Music Service for the entire year, focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technique (embouchure, breath control) • Staff notation • Ensemble performance • Listening and responding • Creating through improvisation • Performing to an audience
Autumn 2	Unit: Nativity Golden Threads: - Singing & Using the Voice - Performing & Sharing - Creating & Composing	Unit: Nativity Golden Threads: - Singing & Using the Voice - Performing & Sharing - Creating & Composing	Unit: Nativity Golden Threads: - Singing & Using the Voice - Performing & Sharing - Creating & Composing	Unit: Glockenspiel Stage 1 Golden Threads: - Playing Instruments - Understanding Notation	



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				- Performing & Sharing	
Spring 1	Unit: Everyone! Golden Threads: - Singing & Using the Voice - Listening & Appraising - Performing & Sharing	Unit: In The Groove Golden Threads: - Listening & Appraising - Creating & Composing - Performing & Sharing	Unit: I Wanna Play in a Band Golden Threads: - Performing & Sharing - Playing Instruments - Listening & Appraising	Unit: Three Little Birds Golden Threads: - Singing & Using the Voice - Performing & Sharing - Listening & Appraising	<p>In Year 4, children are introduced to brass instruments, learning foundational techniques such as correct embouchure, breath control and posture. They begin reading basic notation and performing simple pieces as part of a group.</p> <p>In Year 5, pupils build fluency in playing, extending their range and dynamics. They develop rhythmic accuracy and explore more complex melodies. Their understanding of musical structure and notation deepens through regular rehearsal and reflection.</p>
Spring 2	Unit: Our World Golden Threads: - Creating & Composing - Listening & Appraising - Performing & Sharing	Unit: Round and Round Golden Threads: - Singing & Using the Voice - Understanding Notation - Listening & Appraising	Unit: Zootime Golden Threads: - Creating & Composing - Listening & Appraising - Performing & Sharing	Unit: The Dragon Song Golden Threads: - Creating & Composing - Singing & Using the Voice - Listening & Appraising	

By Year 6, children are confident ensemble players who perform in harmony, follow conducting cues, and adapt their playing to suit style and expression. They read staff notation fluently and can compose short brass phrases, preparing them for further musical study in secondary school.



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Summer 1	Unit: Big Bear Funk Golden Threads: - Playing Instruments - Creating & Composing - Listening & Appraising	Unit: Your Imagination Golden Threads: - Creating & Composing - Performing & Sharing - Singing & Using the Voice	Unit: Friendship Song Golden Threads: - Singing & Using the Voice - Creating & Composing - Performing & Sharing	Unit: Bringing Us Together Golden Threads: - Performing & Sharing - Playing Instruments - Creating & Composing	
Summer 2	Unit: Reflect, Rewind and Replay Golden Threads: - Understanding Notation - Performing & Sharing - Listening & Appraising	Unit: Reflect, Rewind and Replay Golden Threads: - Understanding Notation - Performing & Sharing - Listening & Appraising	Unit: Reflect, Rewind and Replay Golden Threads: - Understanding Notation - Performing & Sharing - Listening & Appraising	Unit: Reflect, Rewind and Replay Golden Threads: - Understanding Notation - Performing & Sharing - Listening & Appraising	