

West Lodge School - Music Vocabulary Progression

Year 2

Accompaniment – Music that is played underneath a tune.

Arrangement – A new version of a piece of Music.

Conductor – A person who leads singers or players.

Call and Response – A leader sings or plays a melody and the chorus responds using another melody.

Duet – A song or piece of Music for two equally important parts.

Duration - The length of a sound or silence.

Glissando – A rapid slide of notes, up or down.

Melody – The tune

Metre – A group of beats, usually in 2s, 3s or 4s.



Ostinato – A short repeating pattern in the Music.

Pitch - How high or low a sound is.

Score – A conductor's written music.

Solo – A piece of Music for one singer or instrument.

Structure – The way a piece is built.

Texture – The layers of sound and how they relate to each other.

Tempo – The speed of the Music.

Timbre - The type of sound e.g. rustle, scratch and bang.