

## EYFS Overview

At St John Fisher and St Thomas More, we believe that it is crucial for children to see, hear and participate in music lessons in order to develop their understanding, self-expression, imagination and ability to communicate creatively in the arts.

Music in the early years is about providing the children with the opportunities to experience and explore the world of sound in many aspects of their learning. The children will have the opportunity to experience music in a holistic way, focusing on the seven key musical elements of our music curriculum. They will listen and respond with enjoyment to songs, music and rhymes. The children will explore and experiment with a wide variety of sounds, including body percussion. They will enjoy making sounds with a range of objects in their play and explore the different musical instruments in the classroom. The children will also become familiar with the discipline and routine of the music lesson. In the classroom, they will have the opportunity to further explore and consolidate their musical experience in the music corner at their own pace.

### **Key skills**

#### Singing

Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes.

#### Playing

Play simple tuned and untuned instruments.

#### Composing

Experiment with sounds using the elements of music - dynamics, tempo, pitch, duration, texture, timbre.

#### Listening

Listen with enjoyment and concentration to a range of songs and recorded music.