Science Scheme of Work



Year 4 - Sound		
Links made with	Computing media – producing and editing sounds	
other subjects		
The DIC Overtion	Have daying been different counted.	
The BIG Question	How do we hear different sounds?	
The BIG Outcome	Diagram and accompanying explanation	
Science objectives	-Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating.	
(link to NC)	- Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear.	
	-Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that	
	produced it.	
	-Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases	
Prior knowledge	Children already know:	
What prior knowledge is	EYFS – Understanding the world - Children know about similarities and differences in	
needed for children to be	relation to places, objects, materials and living things. They talk about the features of	
successful in this unit?	their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one	
	another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things	
	occur and talk about changes.	
	Yr 1 – Senses Animals Including Humans	
	Control of the contro	
Future learning	This unit gives prior knowledge to:	
Consider the conceptual	KS3 Waves on water as undulations which travel through water with transverse motion;	
knowledge within a	these waves can be reflected, and add or cancel –	
subject that pupils need for future learning not	superposition.	
just the recall of facts but	Frequencies of sound waves, measured in Hertz (Hz); echoes, reflection and	
the importance of	absorption of sound.	
concepts	• Sound needs a medium to travel, the speed of sound in air, in water, in solids.	
	Sound produced by vibrations of objects, in loud speakers, detected by their effects	
	on microphone diaphragm and the ear drum; sound	
	waves are longitudinal.	
	Auditory range of humans and animals.	
	Pressure waves transferring energy; use for cleaning and physiotherapy by ultra-	
	sound.	
Coioneo atrondo	Waves transferring information for conversion to electrical signals by microphone. Political Enguiry Questions	
Science strands	Related Enquiry Questions	
	Classifying Decod on the children's government of the children's governme	
	-Based on the children's own criteria, sort musical instruments.	
	Observing over time Not relevant	
	Pattern Seeking Not relevant	
	Comparative testing	
	-Measure volume from different instruments.	
	- Measure how volume changes away from a source.	
	- Investigate string telephones.	
	-Explore pitch e.g. through a carousel of activities using milk bottles, straw pipes,	
	rulers, elastic band guitars	
	Researching	
	- Research, make and play their own instruments based on what they learned	
	about pitch and volume.	
Vocabulary/	Sound, source, vibrate, vibration, travel, pitch (high, low), volume, faint, loud, insulation	
Glossary	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
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Knowledge	The knowledge that children will learn and remember:	
(see italics for knowledge		
to remember)	 A sound produces vibrations which travel through a medium from the source to our ears. 	,
	 Different mediums such as solids, liquids and gases can carry sound, but sound cannot travel through a vacuum (an area empty of matter). 	1
	3. The vibrations cause parts of our body inside our ears to vibrate, allowing us to	
	hear (sense) the sound.	
	4. To know some parts of the ear involved in the process:	
	outer ear (namer) incus (namer) (namer) auditory nerve (cochlea ear canal (tympanic membrane)	
	5. The loudness (volume) of the sound depends on the strength (size) of vibrations	5
	which decreases as they travel through the medium.	
	6. Sounds decrease in volume as you move away from the source.	
	7. A sound insulator is a material which blocks sound effectively.	
	8. Pitch is the highness or lowness of a sound and is affected by features of object	S
	producing the sounds. For example, smaller objects usually produce higher	
	pitched sounds.	
	9. E.g 2 tighter strings produce higher pitched sounds	
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Common	-Pitch and volume are frequently confused, as both can be described as high or low.	
misconceptions	Some children may think:	
	-sound is only heard by the listener	
	-sound only travels in one direction from the source	

-sound can't travel through solids and liquids -high sounds are load and low sounds are quiet.