**First Year key words**

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| **Word** | **Meaning** | **Examples** |
| Anacrusis | Up-beat. When a piece of music begins on the last beat of a bar. | Away in a manger |
| Anonymous | Unknown author | Click go the shears |
| Ballad  | Song that tells a story | Verdant Braes of Screen |
| Bassoon  | Low pitched wind instrument |  |
| Cello | Low pitched stringed instrument |  |
| Chamber orchestra | Small orchestra |  |
| Chord | 2 or more notes played together in harmony |  |
| Clarinet | Mid- ranged wind instrument |  |
| Double Bass | Very low pitched stringed instrument |  |
| Duet | Song featuring 2 voices | Evening prayer |
| Flute | High pitched wind instrument |  |
| Form | Structure | AABA, AABB, ABCA |
| French Horn | Mid ranged Brass instrument |  |
| Harmony | Notes that sound nice together i.e. chords |  |
| Harpsichord | Keyboard type instrument from the 17th century |  |
| Imitation | Copying | Row your boat |
| Lied | A German classical song | Wanderer’s night song |
| Lullaby | Gentle song rocking a baby to sleep | Brahms’ Lullaby |
| Melody | Combination of pitch and rhythm |  |
| Metre | Beats per bar | 4, 3, 2 |
| Mood | How the music makes you feel | Happy, Exciting, Angry |
| Musical | A stage work with music, singers, story etc | Showboat |
| Notation | A system of naming pitches and rhythms |  |
| Oboe  | Fairly high pitched wind instrument |  |
| Opera | A stage work with music, singers, story etc | Hansel and Gretal |
| Ostinato | Repeated musical idea | In the hall of the mountain king |
| Pitch | Notes of different frequency played or sung | C and G are pitches |
| Plainchant | Chanting to prayer by monks in 5th Century | Salve Regina |
| Refrain | The “chorus” part of a song which repeats |  |
| Round or Canon | Song using imitation | Row your boat |
| Scale | 8 notes moving by step |  |
| Sequence | A pattern of notes repeating at a different pitch |  |
| Stave  | 5 lines and 4 spaces that music notes are written on |  |
| Strings | A section of the orchestra featuring stringed instruments |  |
| Strophic form | A song with no chorus. Verse keeps repeating with different words |  |
| Suite  | Collection of contrasting dances | Rodeo |
| Tempo | Speed (fast, moderate, slow or changing) | Adagio, Moderato, Allegro |
| Time Signature | Sign that tells how many beats are in each bar | 4 4  |
| Tonic Solfa | A system of naming pitches |  |
| Treble Clef | High pitched notes EGBDF and FACE |  |
| Triad | 3 note chord | C major consists of CEG |
| Viola  | Mid ranged stringed instrument  |  |
| Violin | High pitched string instrument |  |
| Woodwind | A section of the orchestra featuring wood wind instruments |  |
| Word painting | Something in the music which describes or makes a word important |  |