

Brass WCPM Aims and Objectives

MOST CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO:-

- Put the instrument together correctly.
- Hold instrument correctly with correct hand positions, and have a good posture.
- Blow into the instrument correctly, develop the correct embouchure and understand breath control.
- Keep a steady beat.
- Enjoy taking part in group activities and be able to sing and play several notes with confidence while following a leader.
- Be able to improvise a simple 4 beat rhythm without support.
- Sing and play several pieces from memory with confidence, including maintaining their line in a 2 part song whilst following a leader.
- Follow simple stave notation.
- Understand basic musical directions (e.g. dynamics).

SOME CHILDREN WILL NOT HAVE PROGRESSED SO FAR, & WILL BE ABLE TO:-

- Play at least the first 3 notes with some reminders about fingering, embouchure, hand position & posture.
- Keep a steady beat whilst watching a leader.
- Maintain their own part in a 2 part piece with support from a leader.
- Sing/play simple single melodies with some confidence, but need extra support to sing/play pieces with more than 1 part.
- Improvise a simple 4 beat rhythm with support.
- Be able to recognise/read 1 or 2 notes when notated on a stave.
- Play a number of pieces with some reminders.

SOME CHILDREN WILL HAVE PROGRESSED FURTHER, & WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO:-

- Play more than 5 notes with correct embouchure, hand position, fingering & posture, producing a good tone.
- Lead a group in keeping a steady beat.
- Lead a group in their part in a 2 part piece.
- Sing & play as a soloist with a good sense of the shape of the melody, & with good projection.
- Be able to improvise a more complex rhythm.
- Read stave notation (both rhythms and pitch) reliably.
- Display a good sense of aural awareness in their control of pulse, rhythm, tempo, dynamics & tone quality.

BROADER EXPECTATIONS:-

- Children will learn to work together as a team.
- Children will gain confidence in performing together & will respect others' contributions.
- Their concentration will improve & they will be highly motivated.
- They will develop greater self-esteem.