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# The Musical Learning Tree

A Musical Learning Tree

is for the children to keep track of their learning.

It might be on the wall or in their own music book.

Use a silhouette of a tree with lots of branches.

It needs at least 6 roots for Music Dimensions.

Pulse/Beat & Tempo Duration & Rhythm

Pitch Dynamics Texture Timbre



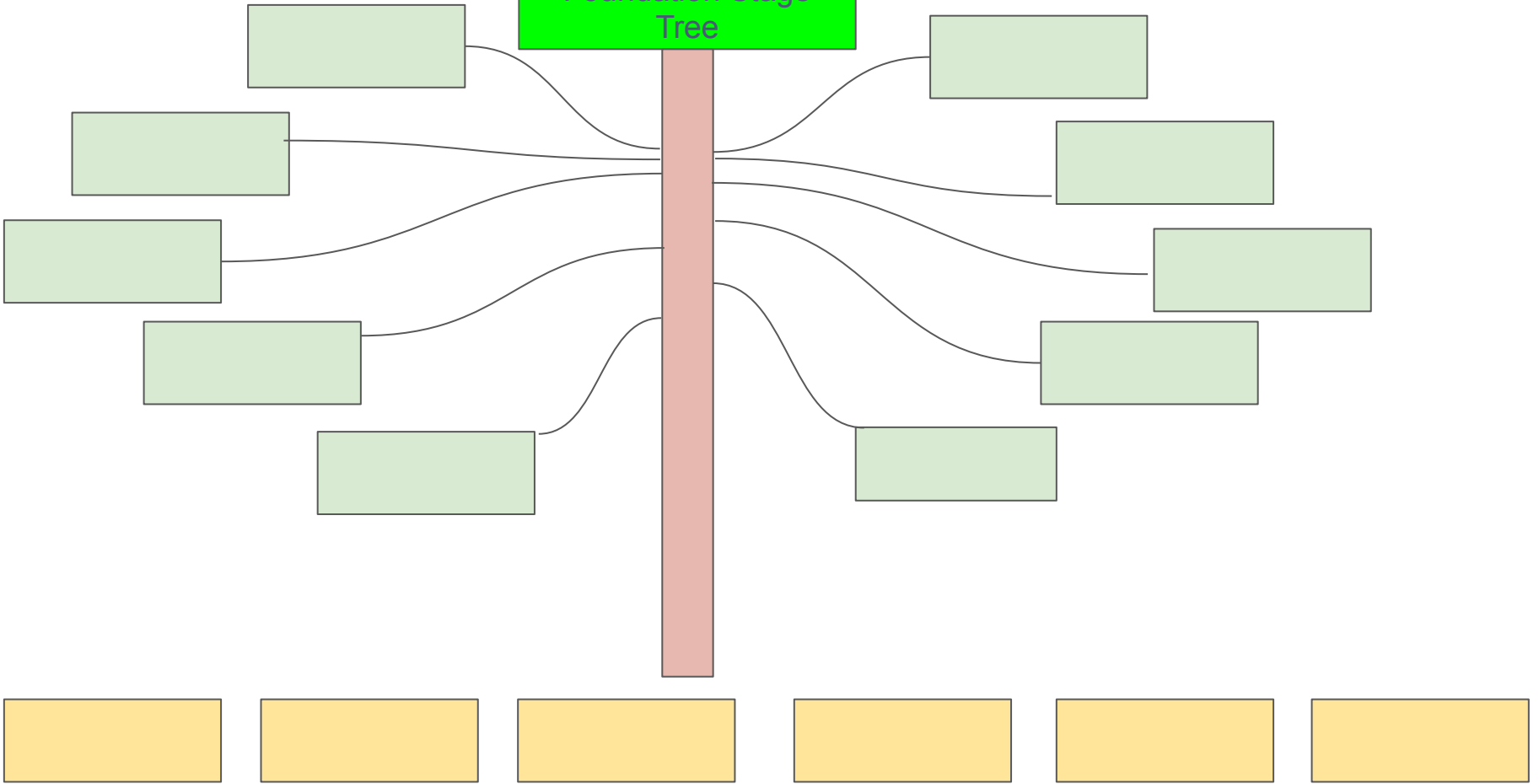
# Keeping track of your musical learning

- What will you add to the branches of your learning tree today?
- The roots are for the key elements or dimensions of music  
**Pulse**   **Duration\***   **Pitch**  
**Timbre**   **Texture**   **Dynamics**

\* *Duration is the actual element ie. the length of the note*  
*Rhythm is the pattern of long and short notes*   **Tempo** affects the pulse



# Foundation Stage Tree



# Foundation Stage learning Tree

At the end of the music session talk about which songs and rhymes the children remember from the lesson and decide where to add them to their Learning Tree.

Discuss which instruments were used. You may want separate branches for tapping / shaking / scraping instruments depending on the learning focus.

The roots of the tree are for Music Dimensions (Music Elements & Comparatives)  
Pulse (Beat) Rhythm Pitch Dynamics Tempo Phrase etc. (Timbre Texture)

See below: a FS Learning tree from the 2nd half of an Autumn Term

Foundation Stage  
Learning Tree

Bob Marley  
Black History Month

Bingo song  
Skinamarink  
Walk to School song  
Bong the coconut

On Bonfire  
Night

RHYTHM game chicken pie \*  
lime pie

S-A-N-T-A

Counting in 8s  
sequences

Loud/Quiet game

Body percussion Beat beat feel the  
beat Stay Apart

High/Low game

Instruments Lute  
drum, tambourine, claves

Beat

Rhythm

Pitch

Dynamics

An example of a child's Music Learning Tree and the end of year Music Journal.

The Learning Trees help remind the children of their musical learning throughout the year.

