Reception

Singing skills

Choose one skill to try as we sing.

Get your body ready
Sit or stand tall. Let your shoulders relax.

Watch for the signal
Watch for when to start and stop.

Copy the tune
Listen, then sing it back. Show with your hand when the tune goes up or down.

Feel the beat
Tap your knees to the beat. Join in when your line comes round.

Sing the words clearly
Say the words first. Then sing them so we can hear every word.

Use your singing voice
Try a gentle voice for a quiet song or a bright voice for a cheerful one.

Let your voice reach across the room
Open your mouth and sing in a clear voice.

Year 1

Singing skills

Choose one skill to try as we sing.

Find your singing posture
Keep your feet steady and your shoulders loose.

Start together
Listen to the first note. Take a quiet breath and watch for the signal.

Follow the tune
Echo a line. Match the first note and follow the tune up and down.

Keep a steady beat
Clap the rhythm of the words. Then sing the line to a steady beat.

Make every word clear
Listen for the sounds at the ends of the words as you sing.

Listen as you sing
Can you hear the people beside you? Adjust your voice so you can hear them.

Let your voice carry
Face forward and open your mouth. Use a clear, steady singing voice.

Year 2

Singing skills

Choose one skill to try as we sing.

Check your singing posture
Keep your head level and your shoulders relaxed.
Keep your knees soft if you're standing.

Start and finish together
Listen to the introduction. Watch for
the cue and finish the last word together.

Sing the tune accurately
Listen to the tricky notes in a phrase.
Sing them, then try the whole phrase.

Keep the beat in your head
Feel the beat through a pause or a long
note so we come in together.

Breathe where it makes sense
Agree where to breathe. Keep the words
clear even when singing softly or quickly.

Sing with expression
Choose where to sing more gently
or strongly to suit the words.

Project your voice
Take an easy breath and sing the phrase clearly.
Can someone at the back hear the words?