Year 4: Guitars Knowledge Mat

Subject	Specific Vocabulary	Information	Important Knowledge
chords	To play more than one note together. This is when we play all the strings at once.		□ I know how to hold a guitar and how it works.
major	A happy sounding chord.	EADGBE	□ I know the names of the strings on a guitar.
minor	A sad sounding chord.		□ I know basic strumming patterns.
strum	To sweep your hand across the strings to play more than one at a time.	Thickest String www.NationalGuitarAcademy.com	□ I can play single strong melodies.
pluck	To play just one string at a time.	6 5 4 3 2 1	☐ I can play a G and C chord. ☐ I can recognise a major and
fret	The metal ridges which help us to know where to push our fingers down to play a particular note.	numbers	minor chord. □ I can play a major and minor
riff	A repeated pattern	Semibreve – 4 beat note (chord. □ I can read tablature (tab)
strumming pattern	A patter made from a combination of up and down strokes on a guitar.	Minim – 2 beat note () Dotted minim – 3 beat note ()	notation.
single string melody	To play a melody using just one string of the guitar.	dots add on half value of the note.	
tab/ tablature notation	The way we write music for guitars. It shows instrument fingering or the location of the played notes rather than musical pitches.	Crotchet – 1 beat note ()	