

Music development plan summary: The King's Church of England Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Jane Corpetti and Mary Noyes
Name of local music hub	Richmond Music Trust

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, co-curricular provision and musical experiences – and what changes we are planning in future years. This information is to help pupils and parents or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

Part A: Curriculum music

This is about what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

Our high quality, bespoke Music curriculum is based on the National Curriculum Programmes of Study for Key Stage 1 and 2, with our children in the Early Years learning to perform songs rhymes, poems and stories with others in accordance with the Early Years Framework. Music is a universal language that engages all learners to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians thus helping to increase self-confidence, creativity, and a sense of achievement. Children learn through a variety of music genres, historical periods, styles, and traditions and use Music Appreciation to broaden their musical knowledge as they perform, listen to, review and evaluate music, great composers and musicians. Each class has a 30-minute weekly music lesson and in addition participate in the wide variety of other musical opportunities. This increases when each year group is working on a termly performance.

As a Church school, singing enriches our school life through Collective Worship, Church services, celebrations and performances. Alongside developing pupils' vocal skills, there are many opportunities to learn and play instruments both as individuals and within groups. This is supported and developed using technology. Children experience, understand and explore how music is created, produced, and

communicated, including through the inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate music notations. By providing a rich and varied range of music opportunities, we engage and inspire our children to develop a love of music and take joy in seeing their expertise and talents flourish.

Within class music lessons, children are gradually introduced to a variety of instruments and progressively learn to play recorder, simple percussion in year 2/3 moving on to ukulele and guitar. As they start to learn other musical instruments through private instrumental lessons, these are incorporated into class music throughout the years.

Every year group has a composition module within their curriculum. In EYFS and KS1 this is a whole class activity building up to group work in years 4/5/6. These compositions are performed to the rest of the year group and in year 6 they are performed in a school concert.

Music appreciation is taught throughout the school in music lessons and is a key part of assemblies, exposing the children to music around the world and covering the timeline of classical music and its development.

All year groups learn singing in conjunction with instrumental playing. They learn pitch, rhythm and eventually rounds and part singing.

Part B: Co-curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

Pupils have the opportunity to learn a variety of woodwind, string, piano, guitar outside of lesson time via teachers from the Richmond Music Trust and private teachers. The school runs a year 5/6 choir and orchestra before school and a year 5 and year 6 recorder clubs during playtimes. In addition, guitar and instrumental groups play in assembly to accompany the hymns and songs. SEND children are given the opportunity to work with our specialist music teacher to play drums, piano and other percussion instruments on a regular weekly timetable.

Children have the opportunity to participate in local Church music with choirs and music groups at the weekend and can also participate in Richmond Music Trust ensembles. They pursue ABRSM and Trinity board music exams through their private music lessons.

For pupil premium and SEND children our music specialist and Richmond Music Trust offer free/ subsidised music tuition who also will provide instruments on loan. School

choirs, orchestra and recorder clubs are without charge. Provision is made for children to use the music room, hall and practical room for practice and lessons.

Part C: Musical experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

AUTUMN TERM

Weekly opportunity for instrumentalists to perform in assembly time.

YEAR 4 Sing it and Say it show

YEAR 3 Sing at KEW SPARKLE

YEAR 4 Play ukuleles/recorder and sing songs at Christmas Fair or Open day concert

YEAR 5 Play ukuleles/guitars/recorders and sing Christmas songs at Christmas Fair or Open day concert

YEAR 6 Play guitars/Ukuleles/recorders and sing at Christmas Fair or Open day concert

EYFS Christmas Nativity Play

KS1 Nativity Play including recorders and Percussion and Year 1 Dancers

SPRING TERM

KS2 Epiphany concert in St Anne's church featuring orchestra, Year 5/6 choir, Year 3,4,5 carols with year group band and Year 6 Carol compositions

YEAR 5/6 Choir sing at O2 concert

YEAR 5 Passiontide Play

YEAR 6 Guitars and instrumental soloists and Year 5/6 choir concert

SUMMER TERM

Year 2 Recorder singing and percussion concert

YEAR 3 Egyptian show

YEAR 4 Orchestral concert with all playing recorders, ukuleles plus some orchestral instruments learnt privately

YEAR 5/6 Concert in The Barn Church featuring orchestra, Year 5/6 choir, Year 5 class songs with ukuleles, year 5 recorder and percussion playing with orchestra and year 6 class songs with guitars and ukuleles

YEAR 1 Round the World Show

YEAR 2 End of year show e.g. Animal Rumble, Starfish show

YEAR 6 End of year show and Leavers' Service

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

Future music performances are constantly being refreshed and remodelled adapting to current cohort. Further developing of the teaching of key vocabulary is a target for music teaching going forward and embracing new developments in music technology as new software is developed. We are also investigating widening the peripatetic music offer to include a brass teacher.