

Music development plan summary: St Mary's Catholic Primary School



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2023 to 2024
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Name of the school music lead	Caroline Walton
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	ENTRUST
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

At St Mary's, we currently teach music for half an hour every week and this is adhered to by all year groups from 1-6. We have a clear and progressive music curriculum which covers a range of different genres and cultures.

To ensure our children have every opportunity to develop and foster their musical talents, we use 'Charanga', an interactive program which teaches the children to listen and respond to a variety of musical genres, through the vehicle of singing, playing a variety of instruments, exploring form and composing their own musical compositions. We supplement the 'Charanga' program with other units of music taken from "Music Express", and "Lively Music", "learning which give children the opportunity to learn other instruments and perform in front of an audience.

We have carefully planned our music curriculum to ensure that all children can access it regardless of their level of ability. To ensure all pupils with SEND can participate fully

and make progress in their music learning, we have given careful consideration to how we deliver our music curriculum. Learning is sequenced so that children revisit and revise key concepts. Key vocabulary and key concepts are revisited at the start of lessons in order to give children with SEN more time and opportunities to understand the concepts and vital knowledge they need to access the learning. Chunking learning into small steps can support SEND children to comprehend new ideas. Therefore, there is a carefully planned progression within and between lessons. Regular checks throughout the lesson help to ensure that pupils understand the key content in the lesson. Promoting a positive and supportive environment for all pupils in music is essential for supporting SEND pupils. We work hard to ensure positive relationships and active engagement in lessons. Flexible groupings ensure that pupils with SEND are fully integrated and benefit from peer-to-peer support. Resources with strong visual and practical elements are used to aid memory and understanding. Flexible recording strategies are used in order that children are not impaired by their writing ability when demonstrating their musical knowledge.

All pupils have the opportunity to learn to sing or play an instrument during lesson time through whole-class ensemble teaching. From Year 1 through to Year 6, children focus on a different instrument in each year group. We currently work with the ENTRUST Music, our local authority music specialists, who support us in our music teaching. They deliver specialised teaching which enables our pupils to develop their skills to high standard.

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.

At St Mary's Catholic Primary school, we provide a range of opportunities for pupils to learn and play music outside of music lessons. Entrust Music provide a range of different musical instruments that the children can learn. These are offered in small groups to ensure high quality teaching and learning. Currently, at St Mary's we offer music lessons for the violin, woodwind and brass. In this academic year, we have 40 children learning the violin, 16 children learning a woodwind instrument, 3 children learning a brass instrument, Regardless of the instrument, lesson fees are £120 per year. Instruments are provided by the school free of charge. We currently have 2 pupil premium children learning an instrument but our policy states that any pupil premium child is entitled to free musical instrument lessons. We have school choir, consisting of 45 members and which meets weekly as an extra-curricular club at the cost of 50p a session.

We have a RECORDER CLUB consisting of 10 players who meet weekly. They perform each year at The Music Hub Recorder Festival at The Victoria Hall.

We have an ORCHESTRA for string and woodwind players which meets weekly. They perform at Saint John Fisher High School twice a year.

We have a Guitar club with 15 members which meets weekly.

We have a Ukulele club with 8 members which meets weekly.

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.

At St Mary's, we ensure that we meticulously plan for a range of different musical experiences throughout the academic year to ensure we provide our children with rich and stimulating musical opportunities. Children regularly have the opportunities to sing in assemblies. At Christmas time, KS2 take part in their Christmas Carol concert which takes place at the local church and is attended by parents. The other phases, Years 2 & 4, Years 1 & 2 and EYFS also perform songs at their Christmas concerts. Parents and grandparents are able to watch the production at the local church and ticket prices cost £2. At the end of the academic year, all children in KS2 play an instrument or sing for their phase concert. Parents attend this concert free of charge. Our choir also sing at the community settings such as The Holborn Centre and The Belong Centre where they sing for members of our local elderly community. They also go to sing and perform at other local settings such as St. Giles Church, The Guild Hall, Saint John Fisher, The New Vic Theatre, The Rep Theatre, The Eccleshall Music Festival and in the gown centre. Annually the children who play a recorder take part in a local Recorder Festival with a group of local schools.

In the future

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

At St Mary's, we are always planning for ways to continuously develop and improve our music curriculum to ensure we deliver the highest quality of teaching and learning to all our pupils. For the subsequent years, we aim to expand our musical performance assemblies which provide children with the opportunities to showcase their musical abilities and talents. We will also extend our partnerships with local music groups throughout our MAC schools.