

Whitfield St James' Primary School Music

Intent

Here at Whitfield St James' Primary School, Music is a valued part of the curriculum. All pupils are given the opportunity to engage in and be inspired by the creativity of the subject. We shape our Music Curriculum to ensure it is fully inclusive to every child regardless of their learning needs.

Our aim is to develop in each child a love of music and to nurture their talents as musicians, leading to increased self-confidence and sense of achievement. Pupils are offered a wide range of performance opportunities both in school and in the local community. They are given a consistent experience of progression of skills and consolidation of learning.

We aim for all children to have access to high-quality, practical and engaging musical experiences through the Sing up scheme of music's pupil and teacher resources.

We want all children to develop the self-confidence, skills, knowledge and understanding to develop a lifelong love of music whilst also providing a secure foundation that enables them to take music further should they wish to.

Implementation

Our music curriculum is based on the Sing up scheme of music which represents a complete and progressive library of resources that meets the requirements of the National Curriculum for Music, the suggested approaches of the model Music Curriculum, as well as the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage and Music Development Matters.

Weekly singing assembly sessions and y4 WOPPS lessons complement this.

This gives all pupils in y4 the opportunity to learn a string instrument in school for at least a year with subsidised lessons for the following year.

EYFS – Through the Early Years curriculum area of expressive arts and design children are encouraged and given opportunities to sing songs, make music and dance. They are also taught to experiment with sounds in a range of ways.

Key Stage 1

In Key Stage 1 pupils are taught to use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes. They are given the opportunity to play tuned and untuned instruments musically. Listening skills and independent experimentation are encouraged and nurtured.

Key Stage 2

In Key Stage 2 pupils are taught to sing, play and perform with increasing musical accuracy, confidence and control. There is an emphasis on developing an understanding of musical terminology, composition and structure. They are encouraged to reproduce sounds from aural memory, develop the skill of improvisation

and begin to use formal notation. Pupils experience a wide range of musical traditions through both recorded and live performance.

Impact

The structured and successful approach to Music within Whitfield St James' will result in a high quality and stimulating experience for all pupils. They are motivated to become confident singers and performers, demonstrating a wide range of musical skills. The children in our school are enthused to join our school choir and play a range of tuned instruments that are taught by our visiting teachers across school. Pupils increasingly appreciate listening to a diverse choice in music.

Monitoring the impact on pupils is shown through: self-evaluation and ongoing evidence including recording and performance collected at different points in the year as well as unit and lesson by lesson learning outcomes to inform teaching.

To celebrate the value that we place on music in our school the Derby and Derbyshire Music Partnership invited our school to become a Music Mark School in 2022.