

# Music development plan

## St Bartholomew's Primary School

### Overview

Detail	Information
Summary for academic year 2023/24	
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*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.

In Foundation Stage, music is taught as an integral part of the curriculum. Pupils have opportunities to experiment with sound and learn new language through songs linked to themes. From Year 1 to Year 6, pupils follow the Leicestershire Music Primary Scheme of work.

Following the scheme ensures we teach the subject content of the National Curriculum and incorporate the expectations of the Model Music Curriculum ([model music curriculum](#)). This is achieved through a progressive approach that builds on substantive and disciplinary knowledge being taught through the 6 units of work.

The units are as follows: Pulse, Voice, Rhythm, Pitch, Music Technology and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Music. While each unit has a specific focus, they are all built around these inter-related dimensions of music. These are taught through singing, composing and performing. Pupils also listen to and learn about music across a range of historical

periods, genres, styles and traditions. Lessons are made fully inclusive for all children, including those with special educational needs. Curriculum music is currently allocated between 30 and 45 minutes per week.

We have made adaptations to the scheme as follows:

Key Stage 1 replace the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Music unit with learning to play the ocarina.

Year 3 replace the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Unit with learning to play the recorder.

Year 4 learn to play the ukulele as part of a whole class ensemble, taught by a member of the Leicestershire Schools Music Service. These lessons are subsidised by school and children are able to take their instruments home to practise.

The music co-ordinator attends regular network meeting with Leicestershire Music Hub to support the development of music within school.

We subscribe to a resource called 'Musician of the Month'. This is a resource focusing on a range of musicians, with a different song that can be introduced each week. A musician is introduced in assembly each month, a brief background given on the artist and then a chance to listen to music written/ composed performed by that artist, available should anyone wish to use them.

## **Part B: Extra-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.

In addition to curriculum music in lesson time, children can learn saxophone, clarinet, recorder, percussion, flute, fife and keyboard from visiting music teachers. These take place at school, out of lesson time. Tuition is free for children with pupil premium eligibility. Pupils are able to borrow instruments used in lessons to take home for practise. Children can take part in weekend orchestra with LSMS if they wish. There is a weekly lunchtime singing club for anyone in KS2 who wants to take part. We perform regularly, including at the local residential home.

## **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.

We have a weekly act of collective worship where the focus is singing. This includes developing vocal technique and learning new songs. Singing is an integral part of our services at St Bartholomew's church for Harvest, Christmas and Easter. Each phase has a musical performance during the year. Foundation stage and Key Stage 1 perform at the end of Autumn term, Year 3 and 4 have a ukulele performance during the spring term and year 5 and 6 have a performance in the summer term. We have a summer concert where pupils in Key Stage 2 can perform either as individuals, small and large ensembles. Some pupils from Key Stage 2 have taken part in Young Voices, learning songs in school to perform as part of a massed choir ensemble with other Leicestershire schools at Birmingham NEC. The Quorn Ukulele Group come to perform to children in Key Stage 2. Pupils regularly play during assemblies.

## In the future

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

'Musician of the Month' (assembly), Cycle B.

Look into increasing the length of music lessons next term.

Include development plan for 2024/5

Revisit Young Voices

Establish a Key Stage 1 lunchtime singing group - alongside KS2 lunchtime group

Possibility of parent (Mrs Sch Dav) to come in to support singing