

Music Development Plan - Kildwick Primary School

Overview

Academic Year	2024/25
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School Music Lead	Tim Whitehead
Team member with responsibility for music	Matthew Schofield
Local Music Hub	North Yorkshire Music Service
Other music education organisations	

Part A - Curriculum music

- The music curriculum for the school is published on the school website (insert link)
- Pupils are taught in year groups (about 20 children), having 30 minutes of music with the specialist teacher every week, covering all aspects of the National Curriculum.
- SEND children access these lessons as much as possible, with support where required. The lessons are delivered in a way to include SEND children, giving them the opportunities to take part in every aspect of the lesson. Children who struggle with music in a group are identified for music in a small group of 4 or 5 children. This helps with focus and concentration, ultimately resulting in better outcomes.
- Each pupil in Year 5 and 6 has a half term of learning an instrument in a whole-class ensemble. This is currently the recorder. A wide variety of percussion instruments are used throughout the academic year, both reading notation and improvising. Every single lesson involves singing.
- There is a programme of listening that goes beyond the Model Music Curriculum, giving pupils access to a wide range of recorded music. This is a daily occurrence in classrooms, focussing on different instruments and genres from throughout music history.
- Our music specialist has taken on board the guidance from the MMC. He has devised his own curriculum based on the work of teachers including Kodaly and Dalcroze. These are all in line with MMC and go beyond it in some areas. The aim is to give children the skills in EYFS and KS1 to become musicians both on their own and as a group, ready for the project work and musical opportunities available in KS2.

Part B - Extra-curricular music

- Pupils have the opportunity to take part in peripatetic music lessons organised by the LA music service. The school currently has a keyboard/piano teacher but brass and guitar lessons are also available. Parents pay for this opportunity. Pupils are signposted to musical opportunities out of school. For example, the Saturday music centre in Skipton which is promoted within our school newsletter.
- Weekly lunchtime choir for KS2 pupils.
- Weekly after-school music club, alternating each half term between KS1 and KS2, or both together where possible. There is a small charge paid for by parents. A wide variety of instruments are accessed, including ukuleles and glockenspiels.
- Pupils currently have the opportunity to take part in a bell ringing extra-curricular club in church called Mini Ringers.

Part C - Musical Experiences

- Weekly whole school singing assemblies. EYFS and KS1 have their nativity performance in the Autumn Term. KS2 Christmas Concert. Harvest Festival service for the whole school. Spring Term (Easter) performance for Years 3, 4 and 5. Year 6 end of year performance in the Summer Term.

* All the above events are free to access.

- School is a regular participant in the Skipton music festival and a link has been formed between the new Skipton music festival organiser and the music teacher in school.

In the future

- We are looking at improving participation in the choir, especially amongst boys. One idea is to change the choir time to during lesson time, at a time that doesn't impact on other learning.
- Linked to the above – we would like to join with other local schools to present a musical performance.
- Young Voices – school has been a participant of this on many occasions and we will look to take part again.
- We intend to increase the opportunities for our musicians and choir to perform – for parents / visitors
- Develop and extend links with the NY music service
- Develop and extend the link between the music teacher lessons back into the classroom.
- Increase CPD opportunities for staff.
- Develop the inclusion in music for pupils with SEND.