



Music Development Plan Saint William's Catholic Primary School



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Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Heather Hogarth
Name of local music hub	Lancashire Music Service

Overview

Over the last twelve months, the music curriculum set out on our school website, has been taught using resources from Charanga. Recently, Heather Hogarth has been in touch with Lancashire Music Service to enquire about group lessons for both keyboard and setting up a choir. The confidence in the children's singing ability has improved after timetabling a dedicated hymn practice.

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 rolling programme for music can be found on our school website using the following link.

<https://www.st-williams.lancs.sch.uk/music/>

The skills of progression can also be found on the same page of the website. This document supports teachers delivering the lessons to a mixed age class, to understand what each year group should be learning.

All children access the music set out above, but lessons can be adapted to meet the needs of the children in that cohort, this includes the children on our SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) register. Our curriculum is broadly based around the units set out on Charanga but are modified for each class cohort.

The children are currently receiving at least a 40-minute music lesson, this is in addition to a dedicated timetabled singing session of at least 30 minutes per week.

The EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) curriculum (including 2-year-old to 5-year-old) can be found on the following page

<https://www.st-williams.lancs.sch.uk/eyfs-2/>

'Music' in EYFS, from 2-year-olds to 5-year-olds is taught through Expressive Arts and Design and is taught in a more fluid way than the rest of the school.

In EYFS the main focus is singing and rhythm, this is done in a range of ways. There are opportunities to explore instruments through some music lessons and continuous provision. In addition, singing takes place daily during the school day, often linked to other learning opportunities, such as the singing of number rhymes or choosing nursery rhyme from the 'bag.' All our pupils are taught to listen attentively, move to, and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses; sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody; they explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups.

Teachers' confidence at introducing new instruments across the school is improving, thus, ensuring the children are given a range of opportunities within their music lessons.

Children from both school and nursery take part in concerts/ shows where they can display their singing and how it has developed over the year. These shows are usually purchased from Out of the Ark and have a range of singing opportunities including solos, duets, groups, and whole group ensembles.

All pupil premium children are involved in all the above, so too are the children with SEND. There is no financial implication for parents/ carers.

Future Developments:

- To ensure that the music curriculum is informed by the model music curriculum.
- To strengthen links with the local music hub offering whole class instrumental delivery.

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.

A choir is being set up within school – we are just awaiting an allocated weekly time for when Lancashire Music Service can offer us a signing teacher. We currently have over 25% of the school waiting for these sessions to start.

In addition to the music lessons, children have a singing lesson where there is a strong focus on use of voice. Children are taught a range of hymns and other songs within these sessions. It has been commented on recently how the children's confidence and the ability to sing is improving.

Where possible we try and enrich other curricular areas by introducing songs to aid learning, one of the favourites for the children is the Continents song that has been used in Geography.

Children are all encouraged to audition for singing parts at the performances both at Christmas and at the end of the year. It is our aim to enter a singing performance with other schools at some point this year.

We have just introduced keyboard lessons for small groups of children. Parents have been signposted to a charity that can support with funding. All parents know that as a school we can be approached to help with funding if necessary.

We try and keep our fees as low as possible with school subsidising some of the lessons now. All children learning a new instrument will have the opportunity to take an instrument home. We will also have some in school that children can practice with over lunchtimes.

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 William's, all primary aged children take part in a daily Celebration of the Word where they are encouraged to listen to reflective music that can take a range of different forms- classical, sounds of nature, panpipes etc. The children are also asked to pray using hymns that are sung. The children sing a range of hymns- traditional, modern and child friendly versions with actions.

EYFS/ KS1 (Key Stage 1) all have an active role in the Nativity at Christmas. It is planned this year that Year 3 /4 will lead an Easter service/ performance and finally Year 6 lead the leavers show with the support of the Year 5 children.

All children watch the other performances during the afternoon performance.

We do not charge to take part in/ or watch any of the shows which makes it inclusive for all.

We welcome live performances from local singers, musicians, and bands. Last year, the children enjoyed the performance by Pilling Silver Jubilee band and could take part in an interactive session afterwards.

Dance is taught at an age-appropriate level using a range of different music during the PE lessons.

In the future

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

Future Developments	Timescales
• Review long term plan to ensure that it is fit for purpose • Work alongside Lancashire Music Service (LMS) to ensure all children requesting lessons are receiving them - Keyboard and choir • To attend Music cluster meetings for the music lead to feel well equipped to lead the subject. • To monitor the impact of this subject using lesson observation, pupil voice and professional dialogue with teachers.	• By September 2024 • Lessons to start in September 2024- Hogarth to liaise with parents prior to this. • Termly meetings set out in the diary. • Summer Term 1- 2025