

Music Development Plan Summary

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Richard Hook
Name of local music hub	Coventry Music

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-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 and how much time is spent teaching music.

Early Years

Music is interwoven into school day incorporating the creative curriculum early learning goals. Children sing and listen to music on a daily basis. They also take part in music activities derived from the Active Music scheme.

KS1 and KS2

The Charanga scheme provides the curriculum lesson structure and progression in KS1 and KS2.

Year groups complete at least one Charanga unit each term. Lessons last between 45 minutes – 1 hour.

At KS1, children are introduced to the foundation blocks of music: rhythm, pulse, pitch, tempo. They listen to a range of music, begin to play a glockenspiel, sing, improvise

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and start to compose using a graphic scores. KS1 also have a weekly singing assembly.

At KS2, children are further developing their musicality through listening, singing, playing, composing and improvising. They develop their knowledge of other musical concepts such as texture, timbre, dynamics and chords.

In Year 4, a specialist teacher delivers Whole Class instrumental tuition on ukelele. While the primary focus is on learning to play this instrument, children are also developing their music knowledge of chords, tab notation and the skill of playing and performing together, along with increasing musicality in the areas of pitch, tempo and dynamics.

In Upper KS2, children begin to use formal notation (score, time signatures, note lengths and pitches) in their compositions. Children will become familiar with formal notation from KS1 when playing and singing.

For a detailed overview of the curriculum and year on year progression, please see our school **Music Curriculum Progression** document.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music outside of lesson time and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

Instrumental tuition

All children have access to a range of instrumental lessons.

Children will have their lessons during curriculum time. The timing of lessons will be flexible to fit in with other school activities, trips etc.

Depending on the instrument and experience of the child, these may be one to one lessons or in small groups as agreed with the specific tutor.

All children that play instruments have the opportunity to perform in public at least once a year.

We have a range of private tutors who deliver tuition on different days.

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Instrumental lessons currently available:

KS1 –

- Piano
- Recorder
- Ukelele
- Drums

KS2 –

- Piano
- Recorder
- Ukelele
- Drums
- Guitar

Instruments:

Children learning piano and drums will use school instruments whilst having their lessons. Having their own instrument at home would help them to make greater progress. Advice about suitable instruments can be provided by the relevant tutor.

Children learning ukelele or guitar can use on a school instrument whilst having their lessons. Parents will be given advice about suitable models to purchase to continue practising at home. They can then bring their own instrument to their lessons if preferred.

Children learning recorder can use a school instrument whilst having their lessons but will be encouraged to purchase their own. They can then bring their own instrument to their lessons.

Instruments can be hired from the Coventry Music Service for an annual fee. Please see their website for information - <https://www.coventrymusicclub.co.uk/learn-music/parent-information/2>

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KS2 Choir

Children in KS2 have the opportunity to join our choir. The choir is organised and led by Mr Hook, the music lead.

There are weekly rehearsals, currently for 1 hour after school on Wednesdays.

The choir performs in public events such as the Young Voices concert in Birmingham, Coventry Cathedral services and inter-school singing days. They also perform in school events throughout the year.

To join the choir, there are welcome letters in the School Office or downloadable from the Choir page on the school website.

Choir rehearsals are free to attend; Young Voices is a paid event and parents will be given further information about this at the time.

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.

Throughout the year there are opportunities for all year groups to perform.

Autumn Term

Years 1 and 2: Christmas Nativity performance to parents

Years 3 - 6: Christmas virtual concert where each year group learns a song and performs with schools from Japan (developing inter school links)

Choir – Christmas performances / singing in the community

End of term assembly with Year Group / Choir musical contributions

Spring Term

Choir – Young Voices concert

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Year 3: Coventry Cantata KS1/ LKS2 (formerly Morning of Music). Organised and supported by Coventry Music Hub. Perform with other schools in a public venue.

End of term assembly with Year Group / Choir musical contributions

Summer Term

Whole School: Sing Up Day – each year group learns the national Sing Up song and record / performs together

Year 4: Ukelele performances to other year groups

Year 5: Coventry Cantata UKS2 (formerly Morning of Music). Organised and supported by Coventry Music Hub. Perform with other schools in a public venue.

Year 6: Leavers performance to parents

Music Assemblies in KS1 and 2: for all children who have music tuition and choir

Music Showcase concerts: Choir and selected musicians perform to parents

End of term assembly with year group / choir musical contributions

In the future

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

Re-establish a regular singing assembly in KS2

Opportunities for year groups to perform their Charanga songs to other classes / year groups

Work with Coventry Music Hub to develop further opportunities for children to watch live performances

Develop further opportunities for singing and listening across the curriculum, linked to school routines and other curriculum subjects

Increase awareness and exposure to classical music

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Further information

Website links

Music Curriculum at Earlsdon:

Link [here](#)

Instrument Tuition:

<https://www.earlsdonprimary.co.uk/music-tuition-1/>

Instrument Hire:

<https://www.coventrymusichub.co.uk/learn-music/parent-information/2>

Choir:

<https://www.earlsdonprimary.co.uk/choir-2/>

Young Voices:

<https://www.youngvoices.co.uk>

Coventry Music:

<https://www.coventrymusichub.co.uk>

Charanga:

<https://charanga.com>

Active Music:

<https://activemusicpicknmix.com>