

Intent

Our intention is that all children are provided with a range of opportunities to develop their musical knowledge and performance skills.

We motivate and inspire our children by supporting them to develop and master their musical skills through seeing professional musicians at work and learning from their wealth of experience, igniting a love of music and having the ambition and belief that they too can become a musician, as well as offering children opportunities to learn to play an instrument.

We ensure that children understand the value and importance of music in the wider community and are able to use their musical skills, knowledge and experience to involve themselves in music, in a variety of contexts.

Implementation

Class Teaching

The music curriculum ensures children sing, listen, play, perform and evaluate. We follow a progressive scheme (The Charanga Musical School Scheme) which provides teachers with week-by-week lesson support for each year group in the school. We encourage children to participate in a variety of musical experiences through which we aim to build the confidence of all children.

Singing lies at the heart of good music teaching, our teaching focuses on developing the children's ability to sing in tune and with other people. Through singing songs, children learn about the structure and organisation of music. We teach them to listen and to appreciate different forms of music. As pupils progress, they should develop a critical engagement.

Extra-curricular activities

High quality music lessons inspire children to explore music further. In conjunction with outside agencies (Wolverhampton Music School / Rocksteady) and with parental support, we provide an opportunity for children to learn to play an instrument during school hours. These lessons are normally taught to individuals and/or small groups of children who have chosen to learn one of a variety of instruments, such as the violin or flute.

Whole School Singing

Singing assemblies allow children to listening to, create or perform music, which can sometimes be a moving and even spiritual experience. We encourage children to reflect on the important effect that music has on people's moods, senses and quality of life. Children have the opportunity to encounter music from many cultures and, through their growing knowledge and understanding of the music, they develop more positive attitudes towards other cultures and societies.

Offsite Visits

Visits to watch professional musicians at Birmingham Symphony Hall or musical performances by music students at Wolverhampton University ignite a curiosity for music.