

Music development plan summary: St Mary's CE Primary School, Rawtenstall

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
Date this summary was published	June 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	June 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Alison Thomas
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Lancashire
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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 EYFS the main focus is singing and rhythm, although there are opportunities to explore instruments through some music lessons and continuous provision. In EYFS there are short discrete music lessons throughout the year. In addition, singing takes place during the school day, often linked to other learning opportunities, such as the singing of number rhymes. 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.

Within our curriculum music in KS1 and KS2, we teach all aspects of the National Curriculum music.

Curriculum music in our school is taught for at least one hour each week in KS1 and KS2. In EYFS, KS1 and KS2, every music lesson in our school will include the teaching

of singing and opportunities for listening/appraising. In EYFS/KS1, each lesson will also include a focus on rhythm and beat. In addition, music lessons will either have a focus on playing (including formal notation, especially in KS2) or improvising or composing; sometimes a combination. These elements may also be taught using music technology.

Our music long term plans (on our school website) detail how we teach music each half term and ensure we teach age appropriate singing, listening, performing, reading notation, improvising and composing.

Singing is a strength of the school. Children sing in curriculum music, in worship and in concerts and also services held at St Mary's CE Church in Rawtenstall. 'Out of the Ark' provide a good support for non-music specialists in worship and 'Charanga' for non-music specialists in curriculum music.

All pupils in KS1 and KS2 have access to whole-class instrument lessons either taught by the class teacher or a music specialist. Instruments used are full class sets of recorders, glockenspiels plus a variety of un-tuned percussion instruments all owned by the school. Recorders are taught in Year 3 and glockenspiels are used across all classes as appropriate. Year 6 are taught to play the ukeleles, through Lancashire Music Hub's Wider Opportunities scheme (taught by a specialist teacher). The Charanga music scheme is used to support the whole class teaching of recorders.

Music technology is mainly taught via the Garage Band app on IPADs. All children have access to an individual IPAD.

All pupil premium children are fully engaged with curriculum music. All SEND children have been able to fully access curriculum music.

We use the following key resources: Out of the Ark, Charanga, BBC 10 pieces and BBC Radio.

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.

All our pupils sing tunefully and with confidence in worship, concerts and school performances. Pupils sing to a backing track, in particular 'Out of the Ark.'

We use singing to help children learn more and remember more in other subjects, for example songs which link to a History topic, songs which help us to learn the names of oceans and/or continents in Geography.

A school choir led by Mrs Thomas meet to sing/practise regularly. Children perform in concerts, in Collective Worship, in church and in the local community.

A guitar and piano teacher from Lancashire music service teach private music lessons once a week (paid for by parents).

Following whole class teaching of ukeleles in Year 6 (wider opps), we will explore offering individual lessons for pupils who are interested in continuing learning this instrument (paid for by parents).

Pupils that sing in the choir perform for the school and parents at least once a term. They perform in school, in church and in organised concerts that they may attend.

Pupils perform in a variety of productions and concerts during their time at St Mary's Primary School. This includes the EYFS/Infant Nativity, KS2 Christmas performance, half termly services held at St Mary's Church, Year 6 Leavers production and Year 6 Leaver's Service.

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.

Every morning, each class participates in Collective Worship which involves listening to singing a wide range of hymns and music.

All of our pupils perform in a variety of productions and concerts during their time at St Mary's Primary School. This includes the EYFS/Infant Nativity, KS2 Christmas performance, half termly services held at St Mary's Church, Year 6 Leavers production and Year 6 Leaver's Service.

All pupils have the opportunity to listen to live music in and out of school i.e.

- Our pupils perform for parents and the school.

We also welcome musicians into school who perform live music i.e.

- Lancashire music service playing a range of instruments to encourage our pupils to learn an instrument out of school.

We provide further musical experiences for our children:

- Workshops delivered by Lancashire Music Service
- KS2 music technology lessons using Garage Band led by Lancashire Music Service
- The whole school attend an annual Pantomime which involves singing
- The school choir attend an annual regional concert, which has included Young Voices previously.

In partnership with PE we realise the importance of dance and moving expressively to music. Dance is taught as part of our PE curriculum to a range of different musical styles.

In the future

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

- Mrs Thomas is the music leader at St Mary's Primary School and has sufficient knowledge of the music curriculum and enrichment opportunities. Mrs Thomas has also acquired the services of a music specialist to provide CPD to the whole staff during the academic term 204-25 with a focus on the use of recorders.
- During the academic year 2024-25 Mrs Thomas will attend appropriate professional development courses and attend music networks through the music service.
- Funding for music is part of our school budget. The school PTFA may be encouraged to raise funds for music in school.
- As a school we will access whole class ukelelee tuition for Year 6 next academic year, through Lancashire Music Service wider opportunities.
- Mrs Thomas will continue to lead the school choir who will perform at various times during the academic year and will also perform a regional concert.
- Pupils will begin to learn the recorders in Year 3 which will be led by the class teacher; once they have received the specialist music professional development. Charanga will be used to support the teaching of whole class recorders which will begin in September 2024.
- St Mary's Primary School will begin to explore and enhance the opportunities for high quality to musicians to perform to the children in school.
- We will also improve our teaching of music technology through the use of Garage Band. Professional development will be acquired via Lancashire music service for the appropriate staff. Using Garage Band will also support teachers in teaching elements of composition.
- During the 2024-24 academic year school will also explore further opportunities for our children to experience and explore music from different cultures beyond what is already in our curriculum.