

Music development plan summary: [Weddington Primary School]

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Ms D. Courtney
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mr M. Patel
Name of local music hub	Warwickshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rock Steady Music

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.

At Weddington Primary School, we teach music for an hour per week, for a minimum of 6 weeks per half term. Within these lessons, we follow the Model Music Curriculum through the platform, Charanga, alongside accessing 'Feel Good Friday' lessons with Rock Steady.

We ensure music provision is inclusive and that our pupils learning with SEND can access all lessons. We provide ear defenders for sound sensitivity and provide instruments which ensure participation and enjoyment of the lessons.

In the EYFS, music is embedded throughout the curriculum through singing along to rhymes and chants as well as moving their bodies expressively to music. Call and response activities are used to develop early listening skills.

In KS1 (Key Stage One), children begin their musical journeys through learning to play untuned instruments and learn the musical elements of pitch, volume, tempo, dynamics and rhythm. These elements are revisited weekly in our 'Let's Review' part of our lessons. The children learn to play the glockenspiel as an instrument and follow simple notation representations to accompany singing. Listening is threaded throughout the day and especially during register times. Here, there are opportunities for children to appraise and listen to a wide variety of

genres based on interests and topics that they are learning about. Children love to learn to sing, and have regular singing assemblies with songs which link to our school values. They perform in festivals for Harvest, Christmas and an end of year performance for Year 2.

In KS2 (Key Stage Two), pupils continue to build upon their musical understanding and skills. They learn to play the recorders and the ukuleles as well as develop greater control and confidence in their voices. Listening is again threaded throughout the day, with many different genres being listened to and a musical timeline explored to gain an understanding of the history of music. Pupils perform to parents for Christmas and spring and participate in 'Weddy's Got Talent' annually.

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 children at Weddington Primary School have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument within the lessons delivered by teachers. If they wish for more specialised tuition, Warwickshire music provide private lessons for cello, keyboards, drums, guitar, flute and violin and we have recently added lessons from Rock Steady to create school bands together for our children who would like to learn to rock!

Pupils may also choose to join the school choir as one of our clubs.

The provision from Rock Steady has a match-it facility where they will offer one place free before matching what the school pays for our pupil premium pupils. So, if the school pays for 5 pupils to access lessons, the company will provide lessons for 10 pupils.

The school is equipped with a music room which is currently used by Warwickshire Music. However, this will become more available when they move on to larger premises.

Warwickshire music have performed to assemblies this year to encourage children to participate in lessons. The cello performance was simply beautiful and we now have pupils who have taken up this instrument.

Rock Steady provides a different type of musical instruction and appeals to different pupils. They develop pupils as a band and teach simple songs which the children can then perform to their peers.

Part C: Musical events

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.

We have a strong performance record and take pride in teaching our pupils to become confident and expressive singers. Our Year 6 leavers performance is renowned throughout the town and our children perform with an air of professionalism. They make us very proud every year.

We begin the year with a harvest performance from KS1 in which they sing and perform to their families. At the end of the autumn term, KS2 perform a variety of traditional songs in our Carols around the Tree, whilst LKS2 perform a medley of Christmas number one hits over the decades. KS2 then Sing into Spring and perform for the school and parents alike.

Reception pupils love to show off their Easter bonnets at this time and sing and perform to their parents and carers.

In the summer term, both Year 2 and Year 6 do their end of year performances which are a treat for the whole school to witness.

Annually, we hold auditions for our very own 'Weddy's Got Talent!' The children then perform to the whole school who vote for a children's choice award, before performing in the evening for parents to a panel of judges. Warwickshire Music supported us this year and Kay Hinkle provided a musical interlude on the violin whilst the judges made their decisions.

In the future

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

We are looking forward to welcoming the start of band sessions provided by Rock Steady in September and already have the spaces filling up.

We are rolling out recorder tuition to KS1 after staff training to deliver these sessions alongside Charanga.

If we receive a music grant, we are hoping to buy new instruments such as untuned instruments for KS1 and glockenspiels with accessories for pupils in KS2.