

Music development plan summary: Eastfield Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Liam Tew
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Helen Bird
Name of local music hub	Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Music Service

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.

Curriculum Music

At Eastfield, music is delivered using Charanga and the intention is that children gain a firm understanding of what music is through listening, singing, playing, evaluating, analysing, and composing across a wide variety of historical periods, styles, traditions, and musical genres. Our objective is to develop a love of music, curiosity for the subject, as well as an understanding and acceptance of the importance of all types of music, and respect for the role that music may play in a person's life. The children explore how music is created, produced and communicated – pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and they are able to use musical notation. We are committed to ensuring children understand the value and importance of music in the wider community, and can use their musical skills, knowledge, and experiences to involve themselves in music, in a variety of different contexts.

Music is delivered using Charanga in years 1-6. In EYFS the children are exposed to instruments and singing through nursery rhymes and assemblies. This ensures that the school is using a reliable and effective scheme. For a full break down of what is taught, please see our curriculum page on the school website.

https://www.eastfieldprimaryschool.org.uk/files/ugd/81ffab_3eb2eb49374c46eb842a724f98af5e83.pdf

As it is used across the whole school the children are taught using the same structure for each lesson. There is a performance element throughout all of the units taught. Pupils learn to perform, listen to and review music (from historical periods, genres, styles and traditions and including great composers). They learn to sing and to use their voices to create and compose music. We sing, as a whole school, regularly at church as part of our Harvest Festival, Carol Concert, Easter Concert and Summer Productions.

As part of our school value of 'opportunity', the children have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, during one hour music lessons, in every year group and will apply their musical knowledge to compose and perform. We attend the large ensembles such as: Singing in the halls and the Christmas carol concert.

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.

Extra-curricular

We offer the opportunity for children to sing, perform and play instruments through our extra-curricular offer. We have an instrument club, which is available to years 3, 4, 5 and 6, where children have the opportunity to experience a range of instruments such as: guitar, ukulele, glockenspiel and keyboard. They will practise a piece of music and then perform the piece to an audience. Through pupil voice, we focus on a specific instrument or piece of music which has resulted in the number of children attending the club to increase.

We also offer a singing club to years 3, 4, 5 and 6. This gives the children the opportunity to sing individually or in small groups to a range of genres and practise for the large ensembles we attend. All of this is provided free of charge and takes place in our main hall, dining hall or innovation suite.

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.

Musical experiences and events

During the academic year, Pupils will experience singing as a phase in weekly assemblies and termly for Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Summer. They will perform in class assemblies to parents and sing with other schools at Christmas and summer term.

Eastfield will participate in large singing events such as: Singing in the halls and sing for Christmas. They will perform at the diversity event and be part of the audience to watch other schools' performances.

In the future

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

In the Future

Eastfield will be participating in the 'Bilston's got talent' event. We intend to hold auditions within school and children will vote for their favourites who will compete in the final. The instrument club will practise to perform to a larger audience, such as a phase in an assembly.

Further information (optional)

<https://wolverhamptonmusicservice.org.uk/>