

Music development plan summary: St Francis Xavier's RC Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Leela Walden
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs Elizabeth Christopherson (headteacher)
Name of local music hub	Encore
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.

Music is taught for one hour fortnightly in YR-Y6. The curriculum is centred around the Model Music Curriculum using Sing Up resources. We have developed Unit plans for the units we teach to ensure progression and understanding of prior learning. The pupils in Year 4 have an additional instrumental unit which is to learn the ocarina, Year 5 children learn to play the recorder and Year 6 children learn to play the ukulele. The Music Curriculum is based upon the Model Music Curriculum through our use of 'Sing Up' resources.

Part B: Music tuition and choirs

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.

Our school has a peripatetic violin teacher and a peripatetic drum teacher who teach individual lessons weekly. The children are given information on Saturday music ensembles by their peripatetic teachers.

Our pupils can join the Y6 Young Voices Choir in the Autumn term and the KS2 Choir in the summer term.

- Pupil premium children are offered assistance with instrumental lessons taught in school if required.

Whenever possible, we aim to participate in Encore led initiatives such as 'Singing for Wellbeing' with Jo Lowry.

Our UKS2 children sing at local care homes during Advent and are prepared for this accordingly. Our children also sing at Mass in our parish church of St Francis Xavier's.

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.

Our KS1 team create a nativity service with a musical focus in December involving children from EYFS, Y1 and Y2. In KS2, the children produce a carol concert for parents and carers. In the summer term,

Pupils regularly sing in class using curriculum songs from Sing Up as well as singing in class assemblies, prayer and worship and at Mass.

Y6 produce a summer musical production for their families to come and watch. Children sing solos and in ensembles.

Our annual Easter concert involves a performance from each class of a poem and a song. We aim as a staff to represent a variety of musical styles at this event. Our summer term grandparents' concert is also a very popular event. The children learn the art of performance at these events.

The whole school attend a performance at The Courtyard Theatre, Hereford. KS1 attend a shorter musical production whilst KS2 attend a traditional pantomime.

We would like to offer our children the opportunity to experience the performance of local orchestral groups, and they are always welcome to visit our school from local organisations such as our feeder high school or the local college of arts.

In the future

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

- Adjusting the timetable to enable music teaching for one hour a week
- Offering whole class instrumental teaching from Wider Opportunities with Encore
- Hosting visiting musicians to widen the children's musical experience
- Reviving the celebration of Composer of the Term/Half term
- Continue to use music in prayer and worship
- Providing opportunities for children to perform with their instruments to an audience- currently our concerts are largely singing performances.

Further information (optional)

Continue to liaise closely with Encore Enterprises CIO

Participate in hub events, such as singing celebrations in Hereford.