

Music development plan summary: Shiplake CE Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Anthony Tugwell
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	As Above
Name of local music hub	Oxfordshire Music Hub
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 celebrated and runs through everything at Shiplake CE Primary School. Children value the curriculum and the specialist opportunities to develop their skills and knowledge. They also relish opportunities to perform to both their peers and visitors to the school.

Shiplake CE Primary School has a Music Curriculum which is progressive and embraces opportunities to build on previous learning as well as moving forwards too. Each year group has its own curriculum which supports its progressive nature. Our Music Lead monitors the delivery of the curriculum, leads opportunity

Every child has dedicated music lessons within their weekly timetable. (Timetables available for each class). This might be for an hours lesson, or where appropriate, might be shorter sessions through the week. – amounting to at least an hour. If a class

has a larger scale project, greater time may be dedicated to the subject through a block teaching approach.

In addition to this time, children also have the opportunity to focus on their development of singing in weekly whole school singing practices and focused music appreciation sessions in regular 'Curriculum Corner' lessons, where children across all year groups choose the focused group they would like to attend.

We are very fortunate that in KS2, children have the opportunity to develop their singing further, with weekly lessons from a visiting specialist singing teacher. The teacher is employed by the local church who fund this opportunity. These lessons do not focus solely on singing but also include learning on the interrelated dimensions of music. There is also the opportunity for children in their music lessons to learn hand chime bars by a specialist teacher, as well as whole class ukulele sessions.

In addition to the music lessons in school, children have the opportunity to have 1-1 or small group lessons in guitar, drums and piano. Parents pay for these lessons which take place in the school day. The School pays for any child who is eligible for Pupil Premium to have this experience as well.

School curriculum follows the model music curriculum (March 2021) as music is celebrated regularly throughout week and through special events in the academic year. Recent examples of this include upper Key Stage 2 attending the Young Voices concert in London, and last year's Year 4s performing a song with other children from local schools as part of the Henley Youth Festival. Music is also celebrated through daily listening and appraising music during collective worship. Curriculum skills and knowledge are laid out in a logical progression from year group to year group with the opportunity for consolidation of prior understanding and skills. The current Music Express scheme is taking place in year groups to provide further structure and fullness to the school curriculum. This also includes the schemes assessments completed after each module. This form of assessment happens in conjunction with whole school assessment processes and monitoring carried by the subject leader and class teachers.

Part B: Extra-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.

Children at Shiplake CE Primary School are offered tuition in Drums, Piano and Guitar. These lessons take place outside the timetabled music lessons. Children take their exams in piano and they progress very well. Children perform well in drums and they

perform to the rest of the school and our local community annually at our summer community fair.

All children in KS2 take part in specialist singing tuition too which is in addition to their weekly music lessons. This is funded by Shiplake PCC. Due to our link with the Church, any child who is interested is encouraged to explore joining the Church choirs or the church hand chime groups.

Through the development of children's love and enjoyment of singing, the School is planning on setting up its own choir this academic year. Our specialist singing teacher will be supporting this.

Children are also given the opportunity to learn hand chimes and they enjoy performing their learning to the rest of the school at least once a year. Such performances really do encourage other children to want to join in.

Drum, piano and guitar lessons are offered through the school. These lessons are charged directly to parents. For any children who are eligible for Pupil Premium, the school works with parents to ensure financing such lessons is not a barrier to them learning a new instrument.

Children in Year 3 attend a local choir after school every Thursday and they enjoy sharing their work with their class and school.

We have a dedicated room where children can rehearse, practice, and meet others to collectively or individually practice their music.

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 are numerous across the year groups at Shiplake CE Primary School, including the following:

- Daily whole school singing in collective worship
- Weekly whole school singing practice.
- Annual performances at Christmas where every child in every year group performs songs and musical accompaniments. There is no charge to parents/guests to attend. Year groups attend each other's dress rehearsals as audience members.
- Annual talent show (open to all children in school), organised by the children's School Council. Children then perform at the annual summer fair to the local community. There are not any costs involved for this.
- A wide range of music is shared while children walk in and out of daily collective worship. The music is chosen by teachers and the reasons for particularly

pieces of music being chosen is shared with the children at the end of each week.

- Calming music is used in classrooms during peaceful time – a period of time after lunch where children undertake peaceful tasks in order to prepare for the learning time which will take place in the afternoon.
- Henley Youth Festival performances – an annual event with all local schools. Each year group can join in. This year, Year 4 as a class performed at the annual event. Historically, there are no costs involved in attending these events
- KS1 attend the pantomime in Reading and enjoy seeing professional performers and artists/musicians from an audience perspective. Transport and ticket costs are charged to parents. School pays for any children eligible for pupil premium. School also pays any extra tickets that are required to ensure any child with SEN has the required adults with them so they can attend with the rest of their class.
- KS2 attend local secondary school performances such as Mathilda at The Oratory and The Lion King at Blue Coats School
- Year 5/6 children have the opportunity to participate in the Young Voices Choir at the O2 annually. They have weekly practises as a school choir prior to the performance. Part of their performance is shared with the whole school after the event as well as at the school Christmas Fair.
- Fortnightly Curriculum Corner sessions include Music Appreciation whereby each session different genres of music are listened to, appraised and compared. On other occasions musical accompaniments to films and cartoons are shared, discussed and evaluated. All children have the opportunity to attend.
- African drumming workshop is an annual Year 2 event in school, linked to the Year 2 curriculum
- We are currently developing links with local private secondary school to use specialist subject facilities. Music is an area we are looking to include – with instruments available, specialist teaching and performance spaces. There will be no charge for this. It will be arranged linking to each year groups curriculum through the year
- 4 times a year, the whole school attend church services at our local church. All children enjoy sharing the songs for this and welcome parents and visitors to join in. There is no charge for this and it is held during the school day

In the future

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

Ideas for Shiplake Developments:

- Establish a school choir/glee club
- Termly performances of KS2 specialist singing lessons
- Explore possibility of re-establishing Rock Band lessons as we did Pre-Covid
- Explore incorporating a cross-curricular approach to music being used within the learning of subjects.
- Explore the possibility of linking with other schools through local music hub.
- Explore the possibility of musicians visiting, performing and discussing music appreciation with classes.