

Music development plan summary: Parkview Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Leonie Gascoyne
Name of local music hub	Derby & Derbyshire Music Partnership

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.

Children in our Early Years Foundation Stage, experience music and singing daily, with frequent access to instruments.

In line with the curriculum for music and guidance from Ofsted, we deliver an integrated, practical, exploratory and child-led approach to musical learning for our KS1 & KS2 pupils.

Ofsted have stated that “We will not always know the learning outcomes” so segregated learning objectives at the start of each lesson are not appropriate. Instead the inter-related dimensions of music weave through the units we teach to encourage the development of musical skills as the learning progresses through listening and appraising, differing musical activities (including creating and exploring) and performing.

How music teaching is structured

Each Unit of Work comprises the of strands of musical learning which correspond with the national curriculum for music:

1. Listening and Appraising
2. Musical Activities

- a. Warm-up Games
 - b. Optional Flexible Games
 - c. Singing
 - d. Playing instruments
 - e. Improvisation
 - f. Composition
3. Performing
 - 4.

Students in Year 3 have the opportunity to become experienced in using hand bells and pupils in Year 4 will be taught to play ukuleles through the Derby and Derbyshire Music Partnership.

Our Music curriculum is designed so that all pupils can experience success, and the joy to be found in creating and performing.

Further information about our music curriculum can be found here:

[Music | Parkview Primary School \(parkview-sch.co.uk\)](https://www.parkview-sch.co.uk/music)

The document found here, will allow you to see the progression of knowledge and skills, in this subject, across school. It highlights the 'building blocks' of learning across the primary phase.

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.

At Parkview, we are fortunate to have a number of peripatetic teachers across a range of instruments. These include guitar, drums, woodwind, violin, and ukulele. Through the Rock Steady group, children are taught to perform using electronic instruments and their voices as part of a band.

We have an exceptional Musical Club, where children are taught to perform to a high standard, showcasing their talents for friends and family at the theatre. This group also provides its members with the opportunity to go and see professional productions including on the West End.

We have several spaces throughout school where children can rehearse and perform, including an annex, the hall and an area of the library.

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.

We look forward to performances from the bands in school and the seasonal shows delivered by different classes throughout the year. All children have a role to play in their year group performances with children singing, playing instruments, acting, dancing or offering support behind the scenes preparing resources and playing backing tracks. We also have a whole school singing assembly each week where children can build a large repertoire of songs to be performed for different occasions throughout the year. Children perform this rehearsed song to parents every Friday morning. We are members of Musician of the Month which exposes children to a wide range of music genres when they enter daily assemblies.

In the future

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

The school community have already benefited from seeing our rock bands perform. We plan to extend this opportunity to all children learning an instrument in school through regular performances during assemblies, eventually including all children with an instrument or vocal performance they would like to showcase.

We are looking to further enhance our music provision by making use of Kapow planning and lesson resources.