

Music development plan summary: Burbage C of E Infant School



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Megan Woodward
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	-
Name of local music hub	Leicestershire 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, extra-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 Burbage C of E Infant School, we follow the Charanga music scheme which progressively develops our pupil's skills as a musician. Each year group covers six different units. Within Reception, all musical learning is focused around nursery rhymes and action songs, and aims to lay the musical foundations for KS1 and KS2. In KS1 the six different units are all based on a different song and genre of music. From Reception onwards, the children learn to play the glockenspiel to their accompanying song. They also have the opportunity to play untuned instruments. Charanga lessons are taught weekly and each lesson is around 30 minutes long. Across each unit, our children: listen and appraise different songs, learn to sing their song, play an instrument, compose, improvise and perform. The scheme follows a spiral learning curve where activities/knowledge/skills are repeated and it is through this repetition that progression is made. Our lessons are inclusive as appropriate adaptations are made to suit the needs of our SEND pupils.

In order to support our music curriculum, we have links with the Leicestershire Music Hub. They are a service that offer resources and guidance to us on how to maximise

our curriculum and provide our pupils with additional music experiences. In addition to this, we have links with Charanga who provide CPD for staff and are a continuous support. We also work closely with Gateway Alliance, which offers music development opportunities.

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.

At Burbage C of E Infant School we have an established choir who meet weekly. The choir comprises children from Year 1 and Year 2. In addition to this, we have daily collective worship time, in which we sing a range of songs.

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 offer a range of musical experiences for our pupils across the year. Each year at Christmas we practise and perform Nativity performances in each year group that is performed to parents and carers. Our school choir also performs Christmas carols to our local care home, 'Moat House'.

Having strong links to our local church (St. Catherine's Church) provides many opportunities for children to perform in front of an audience. Here, we take part in Christmas performances, Harvest Festivals and Easter celebrations. Our parents and carers are welcomed to come and watch our children.

At the end of the school, Year 2 put on a musical production for the school and their parents. This production involves them singing both individually and in larger groups.

In the future

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

The plan for music at Burbage C of E Infant School moving forward is to establish greater link with Burbage Junior School; providing our children with the opportunity to experience music performed by older children and to establish transition links for our Year 2 pupils.

We also want to increase the musical opportunities that children have within school, and would like the children to have the opportunity to learn a different musical instrument in school.

In addition, we will continue to increase the amount of opportunities our pupils have to perform in front of one another - be it in small groups or on a larger scale. The aim of this is to improve their proficiency and confidence as musicians.