

Music development plan summary: Cherry Willingham Primary Academy.

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024/2025
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Name of the school music lead	Mr D Thursby
Name of local music hub	Lincolnshire 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.

At Cherry Willingham Primary Academy, we have timetabled music lessons in all year groups in addition to a weekly 15 minute singing assembly. We also listen to a variety of musical styles at the start of every assembly throughout the week and discuss them with the children. We use the Music Express scheme for our lessons which is aligned to the National Curriculum for Music and designed to ensure progression within each year group. Through this, we are confident that we are meeting all the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum. We have a wide range of tuned and un-tuned percussion instruments that can be used in lessons and our music appreciation, both in and out of lessons, ensures a variety of musical genres are listened to and discussed. From staff meeting discussion, it is clear that teachers are more confident with the teaching of music and are upskilling themselves effectively in terms of their personal ability to deliver the music curriculum. Music is taught for one hour per week in all year groups.

Information regarding our music curriculum can be found here :

<https://www.cherryprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Music+Curriculum&pid=166>

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 Cherry Willingham Primary Academy, we aim to provide children with quality musical experiences. The main music tuition that takes place in our school is the weekly guitar lessons, although cello and violin lessons are also available to pupils who show an interest. This tuition is mainly provided by the Lincolnshire music service and an external guitar tutor.

All children that show in interest in private tuition have access to instrument loans, ensemble groups run by the LCC music service and can also achieve recognised graded qualifications for their chosen instrument. No children are excluded from their entitlement to learn an instrument and, if required, Pupil Premium funding is used to support them.

Within school, all children in KS2 have the opportunity to join a school choir at both Christmas and Easter. This gives them the chance to perform to the local community. The priory trust has also introduced a singing concert for children in year 6 which gives them the opportunity to develop their performance and ensemble skills.

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.

Throughout the year, all children will learn and sing a variety of songs using the sing up website. These are selected and taught by our music lead. Every child has access to this opportunity without exception.

Musical performances are planned throughout the year including a choir concert at Christmas and Easter, a guitar concert run by the guitar tutor and various other key stage shows which are performed throughout the year.

For the main school choir, any child in key stage 2 who loves music and singing can attend as we have a strict policy of not auditioning the children. Whether they can sing or not is unimportant. Their love and enjoyment of music is the main driving force. In all cases, children will have a variety of opportunities to perform in front of an audience.

In addition to this, children who receive instrumental tuition have the opportunity to perform with ensembles run by our local music service.

In the future

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

Moving forwards, we intend to:

- Continue to develop choral singing in our school, ensuring inclusivity at all levels.
- Encourage children to take up individual tuition to develop the range of instruments available in our school.
- Give children more musical experiences by organising visits from musicians.
- Develop links with the music department from our local secondary school.
- Continue to develop links with the other primary schools in the trust for collaborative musical events.
- Review the music curriculum in school to ensure our chosen scheme continues to meet our needs.
- Ensure the staff receive relevant CPD to support their ability to teach music in our school.