

Music development plan summary: Birds Bush Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of local 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.

At Bird's Bush Primary School, music is taught as a discreet subject and from this September, we have embarked on a new and exciting curriculum from PKC. This curriculum has been carefully selected due to it's ability to build on progression of knowledge and skills through a expertly-planned scheme which is able to build on prior learning and build on new knowledge.

The key principles of the PKC music curriculum are that the use of tacit, procedural and declarative types of knowledge and the exposure to a wide range of musical dimensions open a whole world of music.

Over the Primary phase, the diverse story of music is relived through seven centuries which are taught through the progression of a knowledge-rich and well-sequenced curriculum. This is taught to be remembered and enjoyed by all through active and meaningful learning.

At Bird's Bush, we recognise that our children may have limited exposure to worldwide as well as historical music and strive to develop their cultural capital opportunities in order to develop empathy, resilience, appreciation and social awareness. We will ensure that our children have the opportunity to use tuned and untuned percussion instruments as part of their music curriculum offer.

Through our inclusive approach, we ensure that all children, regardless of SEND are provided with quality first teaching of the music curriculum and make adaptations for children who may struggle to access this. This may include the use of symbols and signing as a form of communication as well as support in performing an instrument.

Through the use of the PKC music curriculum, we will ensure that our music curriculum meets the aims of the National Curriculum which are:

- perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions including the works of great composers and musicians.
- Learn to sing and use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn and music instrument and use technology appropriately having the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence
- Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated including through the interrelated dimensions of pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.

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.

We hold music in high regard outside curriculum time and this year have worked towards developing our whole-school song based on our Bird's Bush champion values.

Outside lesson time, all of Key Stage 2 children have the opportunity to join after school choir club and after-school drama club on a weekly basis and work towards a performance every term. We have also registered for the choir to participate in Young Voices for March 2025.

The Trust is currently working collaboratively to develop musical unity by exploring opportunities to undertake combined performances with network schools.

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.

At Bird's Bush Primary School, we ensure that children are provided with further opportunities to embed musical appreciation through the listening to different composers and genres during daily assemblies. Key questions linked to musical elements, genres and musical instruments are used to recap, embed and widen subject knowledge.

Singing assembly is delivered on a weekly basis and gives all children the opportunities to widen their repertoire to a range of singing styles from a variety of cultures. The use of signing and Makaton is used during signing as a form of communication for all and to promote an inclusive community.

All children are given the opportunity to perform through Christmas productions, end of year class assemblies and the Year Six Leavers' performance. In addition to this, further opportunities are planned for this academic year including singing at the local college. We have also planned for local musicians to perform to the whole school ranging from secondary students to the local wind band in Tamworth in the summer term.

In the future

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

To explore provision from the local Music Hub so that it is actively involved in a child-centred approach to developing music further for Bird's Bush.

To ensure that there are a range of quality tuned and untuned percussion instruments widely accessible across every year group in school.

To ensure that there are opportunities for children to learn to play a musical instrument through private tuition at Bird's Bush.

For Bird's Bush to be exposed to listening to live music including daily piano playing and a visit to the symphony hall in Birmingham.