

Music at St Joseph's

Curriculum Intent, Implement, Impact

Intent

The national curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils:

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

The aim at St Joseph's is to make Music an enjoyable experience for all participants, including both children and staff. By developing a passion for the subject and a curiosity for learning, the profile of Music will be raised across School. Pupils are offered a wide range of experiences, to increase their self-confidence.

Implementation

We focus on teaching key vocabulary key skills, such as pulse, rhythm and pitch to enable pupils to develop understanding of the way that music is structured. In addition, pupils are taught key vocabulary relating to these concepts. As pupils' self-confidence builds, they begin to enjoy performing to an audience.

Children experience a range of different Musical styles and artists, including those from different cultures and periods.

Music is delivered as a stand-alone subject but is also incorporated across the Curriculum. Pupils are given opportunities to on performances e.g. of Roald Dahl's 'Matilda'. These performances incorporate drama, singing, dancing and performing to a large audience.

Choir sessions are encouraged with the aim of performing to audiences such as the local Nursing home and possibly the Supermarket. Bamboo Tamboo Sessions begin in KS2 shortly.

Small group guitar lessons have been set up for Years 2-6. As part of this deal, Year 3 will receive wider opportunities Ukulele lessons over a half term and Year 4 will participate in Glock Rock lessons. These opportunities offer experiences the children have not had before. We will continue to hold Christmas Nativities for the children to practise their singing and acting skills.

Impact

The impact of teaching Music will be felt across the school by the raised profile of the subject. High profile Performances will increase engagement from Parents and Pupils across School.

Engaging with Music enhances well being and improves listening and concentration. When both Pupils and Teachers across a School develop a love of Music, it encourages them to keep building on their musical abilities now and in the future.

Our aim is for children to be given the opportunity to gain an appreciation and understanding of the many benefits that music can offer. We aspire to give children the confidence to perform, create and explore, using music to express their feelings and create a positive and fun learning environment.