

Music development plan summary: All Saints' C of E Primary School, Ilkley

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Stuart Gawthorpe
Name of local music hub	Bradford Music Hub (West Yorkshire Music Hub)

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

Music is taught once a week across KS1 and KS2 for approximately 50 minutes, and children in EYFS are immersed in music as part of their provision as well as having a short, separate music lesson. In addition to this, children in KS1 and KS2 will be immersed into the history of music by listening to a different piece each week, building up an understanding of how music has developed over time. In EYFS, children listen to a variety of musical styles across the year appraising the music they hear, e.g. sharing their feelings about the music, identify instruments heard and move in time to the music. In KS1 the children listen to a set piece of music for the week (at times appropriate to the class) which takes them through the history of music. A discussion session about the music happens each week, where musical terminology is incorporated into the discussion. In KS2 each year group has their own 'set-list' and listen to a piece of music for the week, beginning with early music and ending, in July, with current chart hits. Their weekly appraising session is both oral and written. The children are sometimes given a focus to write about and discuss, but generally includes links to the musical elements. This is a very short write to display opinions, allowing children to express themselves.

In each phase, music is a practical subject and is taught by a member of school staff

(Year 4 being taught mostly by the Music and Arts Service under the WCET (whole class ensemble tuition) initiative); focusing on the key areas of performing, composing, transcribing and listening and appraising. In order to establish a clear progression of musical skills to be developed by all children, lessons are planned based on the objectives from the National Curriculum, which have been split into 3 phases. These objectives are currently taught over a 2-year cycle in some phases across school. The Subject Lead plans for each phase to ensure coverage of the required objectives. This is a range of personal planning supplemented by additional schemes where appropriate: Charanga, BBC Ten Pieces and any other resources that teachers have themselves.

Although the Music and Arts Service is undertaking the WCET initiative in year 4, each year group in Key Stage 2 will play an instrument for at least a term to build up an understanding of different instruments in order to hopefully choose to take lessons: tuned percussion (Y3 and 5) and ukulele (y6). At All Saints' there is a high uptake in instrumental tuition and our WCET scheme play a part in this. We currently have over 40% of our school cohort taking peripatetic lessons. During the spring term we offer a school band: an additional time to enhance the children's instrumental ability. Members of the Two Rivers Band tutor our children, and their love for music further flourishes. The band usually consists of around 20 children.

Music is naturally an inclusive subject, offering natural stretch and challenge and also scaffolded/supported learning. The practical aspect of music lends itself well to those children who prefer a kinaesthetic style of learning, where exploration and classroom noise are expected. Where too much noise causes sensory overload, children and adults work together to find a solution to meet the needs of the child. This could be the use of ear defenders, or varying the instruments on offer. Staff at All Saints' understand the needs of the children in their class and adapt lessons to ensure all children can take part and become more musical.

Part B: Co-curricular music

In addition to curriculum music, music is also present in other areas of school life: clubs (choir, orchestra, sing for fun/karaoke); collective worship (singing and also children performing on their instruments, regular performance opportunities throughout the year); each year group has at least one performance to parents per year; singing to learn - songs about subject content, games in the playground, teaching sound in science.

From time to time, curriculum music often lends itself to provide extra-curricular opportunities, for example, teaching singing techniques and performance elements to then take part in the Bradford Schools Prom.

At All Saints' we offer a large variety of music tuition both one to one and ensemble. From the Bradford Music and Arts service, children have lessons in keyboard/piano,

strings, brass and woodwind. There is also the possibility of drum lessons in the 24-25 academic year also. Complementing this, Music for Schools offer music lessons in woodwind and brass. In addition, Rocksteady has recently begun offering instrumental tuition as a full band, offering vocals, drums, keys and guitars. Starting in September 2024, Learn to Rock are also offering music lessons at All Saints', mainly electric guitar and drums. Some of our pupils have private music lessons outside of school and many children like to take advantage of the Saturday morning music at Ilkley Grammar School. Many of our children hire their instruments through the Music and Arts Service, others choose to buy their instruments.

Rocksteady offer one bursary place where a child can access lessons at no charge, they also match fund for pupil premium children to allow lessons to take place at a reduced rate. The Music and Arts Service also offer reduced rates for pupil premium children.

Our school orchestra is run in partnership with the Two Rivers Band who kindly give their time to developing the musicians of the future. For one term each year, members of the Two Rivers Band come to All Saints' after school and assist the children in their instrumental playing. This is proven very popular with the children and the specialist advice is invaluable.

Our music lessons take place in designated rooms around school which are timetabled accordingly.

Part C: Musical experiences

Throughout the year there are regular opportunities for musical enrichment. The children sing in collective worship several times a week, and children in UKS2 play their instruments as children are entering and leaving the hall. The Harvest Festival will provide our first visit to church where singing is at the forefront, led by Y5. Christmas sees reception and Y2 perform a musical nativity, and year 3 and 4 lead a Carols by Candlelight service at church. The school choir (approximately 35 children Y3-6) runs during the autumn term and will perform at the Kings Hall in Ilkley for their Christmas Open Day and also at the Carols by Candlelight service. We are also treated to the Two Rivers Band who come and play Christmas songs to the whole school. In addition, the St Margaret's Singers return each year to WOW us with their incredible a cappella SATB repertoire.

Into the spring term sees KS1 perform Valentines songs, Reception perform Springtime songs (both to parents/carers) and the Easter Service at Church provides another opportunity for singing. The school orchestra also perform alongside the Two Rivers Band to showcase their musical talents. Drama group also run their production which includes musical numbers to showcase some talented singers.

The summer term brings the Y6 leavers' production, a rite of passage for all 11-year olds and the leavers' service held at church, where singing and instrument playing is prominent.

In addition to these, we always welcome the Music and Arts service in for their annual concert to showcase their instruments, and Music for Schools also do this. We will be treated to 3 concerts from our school Rocksteady bands: Christmas, Easter and July.

In the past we have welcomed the Plumber Drummer into school and enjoyed the incredible music his unique instrument creates.

At All Saints' we are always looking for opportunities to enrich the children's musical knowledge and appreciation by taking the children to different events. These events include theatre visits to professional musicals, the Big Sing, The Snowman Live – orchestral performance, Schools Prom, Stars Event at the Kings Hall are an example of events attended. Each year we strive to ensure each year group in KS2 has the opportunity to attend something musical.

In the future

The future of music at All Saints' is bright, however, there are always areas for development. Each year, the Music and Arts Service audit the school's music provision with the music lead and this, subsequently, can lead to the school's next steps for development.

Music takes place each week and, with the curriculum lesson and the music of the week element, totals to over an hour a week. Development in this area would be to encourage staff to be more confident in both elements of music and continue to work on their own subject knowledge, with the guidance of the music lead.

Children at All Saints' have a wide range of instruments available to them and this changes as they progress through primary school. The use of technology is not prominent in lessons: digital composition has to be taught separately, rather than being used in conjunction with live composition. As budgets allow, it is hopeful that the introduction and use of tablets can be used more frequently to enhance the children's music-making. The children at All Saints' love to sing and it is hoped that more singing assemblies will take place throughout the academic year to continue and develop vocal ability and the natural joy taken from singing together.

All Saints' benefits from having many companies in school offering music lessons. This, in turn, comes with logistical considerations. Set locations for each company will be given in September 2024 to keep familiarity to staff and children and allow lesson transitions to flow smoother.

There are a few musical events in the calendar for the 24-25 academic year already, however the music lead always strives to find more opportunities for children to enjoy musical experiences whether it be in-house or a visit out of school.