

Music development plan summary: Whittington CE(VA) Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
Date this summary was published	September 2024
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Name of the school music lead	Sam Druce
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Darren Hilton
Name of local music hub	Shropshire Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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 Whittington CE(VA) Primary school we provide a broad and balanced music curriculum where we are able to offer children from Reception to Year 6 an hour of music education per week.

In key stage 2 classes, for half the year, each child receives an hour a week of whole class instrumental teaching on a specific musical instrument – year 3 learn the folk whistle; year 4 learn the recorder and year 5 and 6 learn the ukulele.

In key stage 1 children have an hour a week of music lessons, with units being taught from the Music Express scheme of work.

The children take part in whole school singing once a week as part of a weekly collective worship.

Whittington CE(VA) Primary school offers a bespoke and varied music curriculum created by the school's music lead which takes inspiration from the Model Music Curriculum (MMC), Music Express and Shropshire Music Service's scheme of work which follows the Music Mark's Common Approach.

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.

Weekly small-group lessons and one-to-one lessons are offered to pupils for both piano and guitar by visiting private teachers. Children also have the opportunity to learn any musical instrument from the Shropshire Music Service if they apply to do so through the school website.

We also offer an after-school keyboard ensemble club run by Music Squad which takes place in a classroom dedicated to music tuition.

We run an after-school choir club which rehearses every week and has the opportunity to perform at large occasions such as the Easter and Christmas services and for the local Senior Citizens group.

Children are encouraged to join the Shropshire Music Service music ensembles if they have a particular talent with a specific musical instrument.

Individual and small group lessons are funded by parents, however for those children who are Pupil Premium, these lessons can be funded by the Pupil Premium provision. All ensembles are free and accessible to all of Key Stage 2.

We work closely with Shropshire Music Service to ensure we can offer the best possible music opportunities for our children. If you have an enquiry regarding instrumental lessons on offer, please visit our school website and look under the 'Music Lessons' tab.

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.

The children here at Whittington CE(VA) Primary school have a wide range of opportunities to perform and experience high-quality music. Below is a list of some of the opportunities:

- Whole school pantomime trip during the Christmas curriculum.

- Year 5 and 6 will visit the local secondary schools to experience their students performing a range of different musicals.
- A performance for KS2 children from the Whittington Festival players who perform a range of pieces on a variety of classical instruments.
- The school choir perform at the Christmas Jingle, the local Senior Citizens club and other major school events.
- All children will sing at Harvest Festival, Christmas and Easter church services in front of an audience as well as perform as a class a short sketch at each service.
- Children who have private guitar or piano tuition will perform for the whole school at least once a year.
- Year 6 children perform an end-of-year Leavers' play during their final week at school.

In the future

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

Use this space to include any information on any improvements you plan to make for subsequent years in curriculum music, co-curricular music or musical experiences, including when you plan to introduce changes.

Also consider including:

- any information that relates to the 7 features of high-quality music provision (see the text box at the beginning of the template), such as increasing lesson time to one hour a week each term, introducing the teaching of new instruments or having a termly school performance.

Further information

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- Introduction of a wider range of instruments on offer for small group or individual lessons.
- Introduction of a music scheme that ensures consistency and progression from EYFS through to Year 6.

- Introduction of further whole-class ensemble projects delivered by a music specialist.
- Further develop performance opportunities for our young musicians throughout the school year.
- Further develop engagement in extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND children.
- Develop a dedicated music teaching space for use by ensembles and class curriculum lessons.