



"Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. A high-quality musical education should engage and inspire pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, and so increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement. As pupils progress, they should develop a critical engagement with music, allowing them to compose, and to listen with discrimination to the best in the musical canon." (National Curriculum)

## Aims

The National Curriculum for music aims to ensure that 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

## Our Music Curriculum

At Woodland Grange we aim to foster enjoyment and appreciation of music whilst developing an understanding of the elements of music: pitch, dynamics, duration, tempo, timbre, texture and structure. We also aim to encourage self expression through music and for children to develop an awareness of the music of ours and others cultures including a variety of musical styles. We work with the children to develop a range of musical skills including listening, appraising, composing, interpreting and memorising.

We use the Leicestershire scheme of work for music to support our music teaching and the units of work the children will cover across the school from FS to year 6 are as follows:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Pulse	Voice	Rhythm	Pitch	Music Technology, Structure and Form	Music in the 21st Century

Each unit is age appropriate and builds on skills learned in the previous year. A more detailed overview of learning can be found on the website. We also use Charanga, an online resource with lots of visual aids and interactive resources to support children's learning about music. Through our long term planning we link the scheme to topics where relevant. The children have access to a variety of musical instruments to take part practically in the classroom from glockenspiels to recorders and percussion.

Children in Year 2 have the opportunity for taster lessons on the recorder and have participated in massed singing events with other local schools.

Year 3 children currently participate in a singing project called "DioSing" for the year having voice lessons from an experienced singing teacher linked to Leicester Cathedral. They are given opportunities to perform throughout the year and have featured on Radio Leicester singing Christmas carols. An over view of DioSing can be found on the website.

Children in Year 4 learn a musical instrument during their whole class music lessons and this is currently the guitar. This often leads to children taking up individual music lessons for that instrument. They also have performance opportunities during the year both at school and the De Montfort Hall. An over view of learning for whole class guitar lessons can be found on the website.

Key stage 2 children have the opportunity to learn to play an instrument of their choice with a private teacher. We currently have around 80 children learning a variety of instruments.

All children participate in a Key Stage singing assembly on alternate weeks where they learn songs related to the season or important festivals and events.

At Christmas both Key stage 1 and Key stage 2 children participate in either a Christmas play or Carol Service for parents with lots of singing and dancing.

To support our music teaching and provide engaging opportunities for pupils we invite guests into our school. Recently we have had visits from Sinfonia Viva Orchestra who helped us to write our own school anniversary song and the Manor High School Orchestra. We also take groups of children out of school to participate in workshops at the local high school and other musical ventures such as the virtual Philharmonia.

## Extra Curricular Music

We are pleased to be able to offer the following opportunities for children after school or at lunchtime:

- Orchestra
- Choir
- Recorder Club