

Swan Lane First School



Curriculum Statement for Intent for Music

For every child to develop to develop a love of music as well as their talents as musicians, and so increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement.

Following the National Curriculum, our objectives are to 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 increasing discernment.

Lessons are taught weekly for 45 minutes. This is taught by class teachers in years R, 1 and 2. In KS2, the class teachers will also teach music lessons but they are supplemented by a revolving timetable of music specialists (The LA's 'Severn Arts') who teach the five to year 4 on a weekly basis, and alternate between years 3 and 5 respectively with class based music lessons linked to the curriculum.

Alongside this, 30 minutes per week is spent in 'singing' assemblies, where all KS1 and KS2 children participate.

Individual music lessons from peripatetic teachers also take place within school (flute and violin) which parents sign up to via Severn Arts.

Music is embedded across the curriculum. Songs in singing assemblies are themed. These are often PSHE and citizenship based, or link with the school's own core values. Class teachers and Severn Arts teachers also link their teaching to other curriculum areas, including History, Geography, Science, French and RE. Music and songs are also used widely in literacy and maths as an aid for the children. For example, 'Percy Parker' is used to learn times tables and children in Reception and Year 1 use songs to aid with literacy skills such as the alphabet and phonics.

Differentiation is through the amount of support given to each child, or by manipulating or simplifying the instruments (EG., removing unnecessary notes from a glockenspiel) There is a range of tuned and un-tuned instruments available. Alongside this, the school has a large collection of singing and CDs and has access to online singing services such as 'Out Of The Ark' and 'Sing Up'. Music Express books and CDs are also available in each year group.

The teaching of music is enriched in the following ways:-

- Class Assemblies – Year R, KS1 & KS2
- Cluster events – KS2 choir children perform at the local arts centre, listen to other local schools and watch older, experienced musicians perform.
- Cluster events – KS2 children perform MFL songs
- Theme days incorporate national songs, or styles of songs.
- Teachers choose assembly music on a rotating basis, exposing the children to different genres and artists.
- Year R – Nativity
- KS1 – Summer production
- Year 3 children take part in Worcestershire's 'Big Sing' event annually.
- Year 5 – End of year production
- Choir for children in KS2

The subject is monitored throughout the year through learning observations, learning walks and discussions with staff.