

Music Intent

At Pilton Infants' School our children have access to high quality music education which engages and inspires pupils to develop a love of music. We provide opportunities for all our children to create, play, perform and enjoy music. The children enjoy first hand learning experiences using a variety of tuned and untuned instruments; such as learning Ocarinas, Ukuleles, and Djembes. In Music we follow the National Curriculum.

Music is a unique way of communicating that can inspire and motivate children. It is a vehicle for personal expression and we know it can play an important part in the personal development of our young children. We have found that general communication on entry is an area of concern with a significant number of children. We have also found there is a lack of knowledge and memory of nursery rhymes and simple traditional songs. We use our voices expressively by singing songs, rhymes and chants through fun, active and engaging weekly singing assemblies and music lessons. Celebrating different musical cultures and great musicians is vitally important for our children living in rural North Devon, who have limited experiences of our culturally rich world. We want to broaden their musical interests and experiences globally. We listen, discuss and explore the music which develops the children's own creativity and compositions.

We know that by providing all children with opportunities to perform, provides a platform for learning and raising standards in music. Being part of community events throughout the year, inspires and encourages a love of music that extends beyond the classroom. For example our school choir singing in the Green Man Festival, Barnstaple Singing Festivals, School Christmas Fayre and our Christmas and Summer School performances.

RE Intent

Learning about cultural diversity and different religions is particularly important for our children living in North Devon so that we can broaden and enrich their experiences of the world. It is vital for all our pupils to learn about religion, so that they can understand the world around them. Through Religious Education, pupils develop their knowledge of the world faiths, and their understanding and awareness of the beliefs, values and traditions of other individuals, societies, communities and cultures. We celebrate and embrace diversity and difference within our school community. We have a small number of children with different faiths and recognise each child as a unique individual. We do this for example, by creating class mosques, celebrating Eid and holding themed days such as India day where the children become totally immersed in the culture.

We encourage our pupils to ask questions about the world and to reflect on their own beliefs, values and experiences. Our Religious Education curriculum is enhanced further with trips to places of worship in our local area.

We use the RE Devon and Torbay Agreed Syllabus as the basis for our curriculum.