



Marston Thorold's Church of England Primary School

Curriculum Intent Statement - Music

"How is it that music can, without words, evoke our laughter, our fears and our highest aspirations?" Jane Swan

Intent:

- Provide all children with the foundations to become **confident** musicians through enjoyable, **creative** learning experiences
- Provide all children with the opportunity to participate in a variety of musical experiences and nurture individual **talent**
- Encourage children to develop their musical **knowledge**
- Allow children to **creatively** express themselves, fostering a **happy and healthy mind**
- Provide all children with the opportunity to sing, play instruments and listen and appraise
- Provide children with a range of extra-curricular activities, allowing them to appreciate their role as **part of the community**

Implementation

Most music lessons across EYFS, KS1 and KS2 are taught following Kapow or Sing Up, with EYFS using additional resources when it is applicable. Both primary music schemes take a holistic approach to music, in which the individual strands are woven together to create engaging and enriching learning experiences. Each unit has been carefully chosen for each class to teach the pupils the knowledge and vocabulary required to progress in:

- Listening and Evaluating
- Creating Sound (KS1)
- Composing and Improvising
- Performing: Singing and Playing
- Notation

In each lesson, pupils actively participate in musical activities drawn from a diverse range of styles and traditions, and some show links to other areas of the curriculum to provide context.

We have strong links with Lincolnshire Music Service and they provide 12 weeks of expert whole-class instrumental lessons for Year 3 and 4, with opportunities for the pupils to showcase what they have learned through performances. A well-structured music week takes place every three years to give all pupils the opportunity to showcase their composition skills ending with a class performance.

Extra-curricular choir sessions are open to pupils across KS1 and KS2. There are many occasions organised for pupils to perform such as at Young Voices, Grantham Music Festival and at our local church. We have visiting music teachers who offer all children the chance to participate in piano and singing lessons outside of class. Our weekly choral worship enables every child a time to sing in addition to their class music lesson. Daily collective worship provides pupils with further opportunities to listen, enjoy and develop their appreciation of different musical styles.

Impact

Our music curriculum is high-quality, well thought-out and is planned to demonstrate progression. If children are keeping up with the curriculum, they are deemed to be making good or better progress. In addition, we measure the impact of our curriculum through the methods:

- A reflection on standards achieved against the planned outcomes
- Pupil discussions about learning
- Looking at evidence gathered by teachers, including class participation and performance outcomes.