

Music Development Plan Summary: Scapegoat Hill Junior and Infant School

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 to 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Helen Myles
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Natalie Shackleton
Name of local music hub	Musica Kirklees Musica Kirklees Kirklees Music Education Hub
Name of other music education organisations	We Create Music Create Music (wecreatemusic.co.uk)

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra - 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.

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.

From EYFS to Year 6: Timetabled, curriculum music of at least one hour each week throughout the school year. This is to ensure consistent music education that develops foundational skills and fosters a love for music. The content focus from EYFS to Year 6 includes:

EYFS: Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs. Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and (when appropriate) try to move in time with music

Key Stage 1: Introduction to rhythm, melody, and basic musical concepts through singing, movement, and simple instruments.

Key Stage 2: Building on foundational skills with more complex rhythms, introduction to musical notation, and learning about different musical genres and cultures.

For more detailed information about the substantive and disciplinary knowledge children cover please visit our curriculum music page. This also includes how we support pupils with special educational needs

Children from EYFS to year 6 receive a half hourly lesson of whole-class ensemble teaching delivered by a specialist teacher employed by 'We Create Music.' Lessons include access to instruments including ukulele, glockenspiel and percussion as well as opportunities for vocal ensemble.

Children also receive an additional half hour of teaching delivered by the class teacher which is informed by the non-statutory guidance from teaching music from Key Stage 1 to 3.

To support the curriculum, we have also formed partnerships with the local music hub (Musica Kirklees) to support with staff training and moderation of music provision. They also provide the school with other opportunities such as the 'Colne Valley Big Sing'.

Extra- 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.

Outside of what is taught in lesson time, children receive small-group and large-group instrument tuition. Furthermore, children can also join vocal ensembles, preparing children for performances within and outside school which take place throughout the year.

Vocal ensembles for children in years 4 to 6 are free for children to attend. Parents are charged for small group acoustic guitar lessons, as specified in the school's charging and remissions policy. Tuition is subsidised or free for parents or carers in particular circumstances (e.g. pupil premium eligibility). Whole class instrumental tuition is free of charge.

Opportunity for children to rehearse or practice individually or in groups (singing or piano) is provided at lunch times at the children's request and at the headteacher's discretion.

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.

Musical experiences are planned each academic year for all year groups, including events such as singing in assembly, musical performances, concerts and shows at the school (including vocal ensembles and instruments) and trips to concerts outside of the school including local events provided by Musica Kirklees (Key Stage 1 and 2) and Young Voices (year groups 4 to 6).

All events are free for parents to attend apart from Young Voices which charges for entry tickets to the event.

We have established a partnership with a local musician who provides opportunities for the children to learn about technology in music such as setting up and using the mobile public address and performance sound system at a wide range of school concerts and events.

In the future

We plan to make the following improvements in curriculum music, extra-curricular music and musical experience.

- Following a contribution of funding from the PTA (FOSS) and working in partnership again with aforementioned local musician, we are going to set up a permanent, performance sound system in the school hall to enhance children's understanding of performance, vocal ensembles and audience experience (Autumn 2024).
- To increase parents' and carers awareness' of Musica Kirklees' local plan for music as well as the musical opportunities on offer in and out of school (October 2024).
- For each class to provide a termly performance (March/April 2025)
- To deliver a weekly singing assembly from EYFS to Year 6 (September 2024)
- To provide tuition in other instruments including piano (January 2025)
- Through Charanga's 'Yumu' provide children from Year 2 to Year 6 a password-protected online space where they can learn, play and develop their musicianship (January 2024).