

St Andrew's CE Primary School Music Development Plan Summary

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Name of school music lead	Mrs Rachel Startin
Name of SLT member with responsibility for music	Mrs Clare Tantrum
Name of local music hub	Dorset Music Education Hub

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, co-curricular provision and musical experiences – and what changes we are planning in future years. This information is to help pupils and parents/carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

Part A: Curriculum music

We teach music weekly, with lessons lasting approximately 45 minutes. Our curriculum lessons are generally taught by the class teacher who ensures lessons are accessible and enjoyable for all children. Our music curriculum is informed by the national and model music curriculum alongside Charanga and Sing Up, which we use as vehicles to aid planning. Musical concepts are introduced and built upon in small steps. Children are active musicians and all music lessons include live music making. Singing is the spine that runs through every music lesson, but children also learn to play tuned and untuned percussion instruments as well as the recorder in KS2.

Part B: Co-curricular music

We offer numerous opportunities for music making outside of the curriculum lesson time. Children have a weekly worship led by iSing POP and a fortnightly singing worship where we learn and practice traditional and modern hymns and songs. At various points across the year, we offer children the opportunity to join the school choir. This group of children perform in the local community and at school events. We offer peripatetic music tuition in piano, guitar and ukulele. We also offer the chance for children in Years 1 to 6 to take part in a weekly Jurassic Beats band club. Children in Years 3 and 4 take part in the musicianship programme, led by our school music lead, where they spend one term learning a musical instrument, culminating in a performance to parents at the end of term. We signpost children to live music opportunities within the local area. We are a member of the Dorset Music Hub which enables us to access specialist support alongside networking events and opportunities to participate in events in the wider Dorset community.

Part C: Musical experiences

Pupils will have many opportunities to take part in music making and to perform during their time at St. Andrew's CE Primary School. We offer a variety of opportunities to enjoy singing and instrument playing in school performances, church performances and at Salisbury Cathedral as part of DSAT events, for example our Year 4 iSing POP teaching day and celebration and worship event and our annual Year 6 leavers service at Salisbury Cathedral. We also work with the local music service and DSAT hub schools on providing experiences to perform to local care homes and joint celebration events. Pupils in reception, Y1 and Y2 perform a nativity performance at Christmas where singing is at the heart of the show.

In the future

Our curriculum is helping pupils reach their musical potential and we are seeing lots of confident children who are proud to show their musical skills to an audience. The children listen to and experience a wide range of music from different genres, but this is an area we would like to grow even further. Pupils respond so well to high quality music making and therefore we would like to participate in The Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra concert in Poole this year.