

Music development plan summary: Stramongate Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
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Name of the school music lead	Katie Palmer
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Cumbria Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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 or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

Part A: 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.

Music is taught using the schemes Charanga (Reception) and a combination of Charanga and Kapow (Years 1, 2, 5 and 6). Our Year 3 and 4 children are taught by music specialists from Cumbria Music Service and learn 2 different instruments (either guitar, ukulele, keyboard or clarinet), studying each instrument for a whole year.

Children in Reception – Year 4 are taught music for between 45 minutes (younger children) and an hour per week throughout the year. Children in Years 5 and 6 are taught music weekly in the Autumn and Summer terms.

We have regular singing assemblies where children learn songs together either as a whole-school or as a key phase.

Further details of the curriculum content and skills progression in music can be found on our school website: <https://www.stramongate.cumbria.sch.uk/our-curriculum/subject-plans/>

Part B: Co-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.

Children in Years 3-6 have the opportunity to sing in the school choir and take part in performances out of school e.g. carol singing in town or performing to local care home residents. Children in Years 3 and 4 who learn an instrument with a Cumbria Music Service tutor take part in a Summer performance for parents either on-site or as part of the Cumbria-wide Big Play initiative. KS1 children often take part in the Big Sing annual event where they learn songs and sing together with other local schools at a nearby venue. Peripatetic music teachers come into school every week to teach 1-1 lessons to pupils in keyboard, clarinet, violin and guitar.

Part C: 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.

All children take part in performances every year. There are Christmas shows for all year groups and a Summer performance for children in Year 5 and 6. Every December, our children visit Kendal College to watch their Christmas show and we also sometimes visit the local Brewery Arts Centre to watch their productions.

Singing assemblies see whole key-stages or the entire school coming together to learn songs, often based on our school values. We often have musicians visiting to perform in Wednesday whole-school assembly and we have collaborated with local singing school Amabile, hosting them for workshops during the day and a bit performance at the end.

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

We are going to be collaborating with one of the local secondary schools (QKS) this Christmas for the first time and putting on a big whole-KS2 show, making use of the school's technical equipment and larger stage/seating capacity as well as forging stronger links with the secondary that many of our children attend. We are also in talks with the head of music at the school and are looking to set up cross-school links such as the QKS school band coming to perform here at Stramongate.

Further information (optional)