

Music development plan summary: Chesterton Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Sonja Povey
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Victoria Storey
Name of local music hub	Cambridgeshire Music
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.

At Chesterton, music is taught every other half term, for 1 hour per week. Music lessons are explicitly taught from Year 1 to Year 6. In EYFS, children learn through being imaginative and expressive as well as other aspects of the Early Learning Goals. This knowledge is built upon and extended by their learning in Year 1 and throughout the curriculum.

We follow Music Express as a scheme of work and adapt sessions based on the needs of the children.

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.

At Chesterton, children from Year 1 to Year 6 are offered 1:1 piano lessons with a specialist tutor. The lessons occur once a week and children are able to progress and achieve piano qualifications. Another valuable opportunity that all of the children are offered are music lessons with outside provider iRock. Children are able to choose an instrument and collaborate as a rock group to learn a variety of songs, through lessons that are taught weekly. The children perform a rock concert to parents and the school once a term. We also have a school choir that meet weekly as an extra-curricular opportunity. They perform a variety of songs and during school assemblies, they showcase their talents.

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.

EYFS and KS1 children perform a Christmas Carol Concert at the local church. Children will be performing to parents as well as peers from other year groups. Years 3, 4 and 5 perform an Easter concert to the public. Year 6 produce an end of year performance which they share with their parents and the wider school community. The school choir sing during school assemblies fortnightly. At Christmas time, children watch a pantomime. In KS2, there are 2 children elected as Music Champions who have responsibility for helping during performances and during lessons, and

In the future

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

Music Champions will be introducing Musician of the Month to the school from January 2025. They will be selecting musicians from different periods and genres and promoting this within their classrooms and the wider school community. The overall aim is to broaden experiences and exposure to a wider variety of music. The choir will be visiting Residential Care Homes locally to entertain and perform to members of the public. The overall aim is to foster appreciation for performance.