

Music development plan summary: Devonshire Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs M. Page
Name of local music hub	Blackpool Music Service

Part A: Curriculum music

Our Sea View Trust Progression Document has been planned using the Model Music Curriculum. This document has been the spine for our personalised Devonshire Music Curriculum ensuring all objectives are divided and taught in relevant year groups. This document is available under the 'Music' tab of our website.

We have devised our own music curriculum which incorporates Charanga to support and resource some of our music lessons; however, we do not limit ourselves to Charanga and teachers are provided with a bank of resources to ensure a broad and balanced music education is delivered. Within these lessons, children play a range of instruments and experience a variety of genres.

One half an hour Music lesson is delivered in class or through Blackpool Music Service music lessons and the children attend a music assembly (Year 2 and KS2) for the other half an hour each week. Year One spend time singing their curriculum songs in class as well as learning Nursery Rhymes. EYFS access a half an hour music lesson each week and they are provided with musical opportunities across the learning landscape every day. Our four threshold concepts (listening, composing, transcribing and performing) are provided as visual buttons so children can develop schema and make links to music in all areas of learning. Year 5 experience weekly brass lessons, where they are given the opportunity to achieve their bronze, silver and gold medals. The children can take their instruments home to practice. Parents attend brass performances, where our students can showcase their skills.

We provide a range of opportunities for all our learners. We have a high percentage of children on Pupil Premium and these children have access to music lessons, if they wish, via the service. We have planned our curriculum around our children's needs and ensure that every year group is given the opportunity to play an instrument. We have created a bank of resources for staff, to ensure more-able students are stimulated and challenged in music lessons.

Part B: Co-curricular music

Children are given countless opportunities to perform vocally and instrumentally throughout the year. Choir has continued to develop over the past year, gaining more members and knowledge of eclectic pieces. Choir is open to all children in Year 2 and above. Due to our relationship with Blackpool Music Service, children have performed in a variety of venues across Blackpool, allowing our students to progress beyond the core curriculum. Our choir sings regularly in our community and we work closely with our local church; St Thomas'. Parents are always invited to these events, often on Sundays. Parents often comment on the development of our choir. Please see our website for photographs of our performances.

Over the past year, children have had the opportunity to join a guitar club and recorder club, allowing children to develop their interests in instrumental ensembles and other forms of music making. These clubs are free to join and the instruments are provided for the children on loan.

Fortunately, we have a designated music room with our premises that allows classes and clubs to practice and rehearse for performances and during lessons. This allows our students to focus in a purposeful and well-resourced environment.

Part C: Musical experiences

Over the next year, we aim to continue to develop the musical experiences for our learners.

Every Wednesday, we gather in the hall to sing, focussing on a 'Genre of the Half term'. Children develop knowledge, vocabulary and skills when singing as an ensemble. At the end of every half-term, a class will perform an instrumental or vocal piece to the rest of the school, showcasing what they have learnt in their music lessons. Again, this may focus on genre or a specific skill. Year 6 will perform a Musical during the summer term.

When Christmas comes, Key Stage One will learn and perform a nativity to the whole school and parents whilst Key Stage Two will learn to sing and sign (using Makaton) a Christmas Carol to perform in St Thomas' Carols by Candlelight event.

Over the upcoming year, our choir will perform in a termly performance outside of school. We work closely with Blackpool Music Service and enjoy performing in their annual Christmas Festival, School's Alive and Choir of the Year events. Our Year 5 students are often presented with a range of opportunities with the service and have experience performing and playing with the National Youth Orchestra, inspiring and enriching our children with Cultural Capital.

All children are able to get involved in these performances and opportunities and we strive to make many of the events free or low cost for our families.

In the future

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

In the subsequent years, we plan on establishing a brass ensemble. This will allow our children to continue to develop the instrumental skills learnt in Year 5 in an extra-curricular environment.

We strive to maintain relationships with the community and wish to continue to work with Blackpool Music Service. We want to continue with the timetabled whole class lessons as well as developing an after-school ensemble opportunity with a specialist. We hope to perform in many events across Blackpool, including Blackpool Music Services 'Musician of the Year'. This will bleed into the culture of the school and give children the chance to perform to their peers when in school.

We aim to develop the status of music within school by holding an annual 'World Music Day' celebration, where the school will come off timetable to celebrate all things music.

Our personalised and robust curriculum is continuing to be refined and adapted to ensure our students are hitting their potential in their music lessons. In the subsequent years, we will continue to monitor the new curriculum via pupil voice, video evidence and lesson walkthroughs to ensure music is being delivered at a high standard and to identify and address any areas for improvement in the future.

Further information (optional)

Please see 'Music' on our website for more documentation regarding music at Devonshire Primary Academy.

<https://www.devonshire.blackpool.sch.uk/music/>