

Harrow Gate Primary Academy

British Values Statements: Music

Rule of Law

Through music we promote the British value of the rule of law by providing opportunities for pupils to learn the rules of music such as creating and maintaining a beat, reading a graphic score, singing with control, listening and appraising music and playing instruments. We also learn to recognise the impact and consequences when rules are not followed through music teaching. Through trips to other venues, we also learn the importance of following the rule of law in different situations and settings which teaches the complexity of this skill.

Individual Liberty

We promote the British value of individual liberty by encouraging the children to listen to and accept the views of others when discussing musical styles and likes or dislikes. Through music, we are teaching pupils to accept that opinions and tastes are subjective and that differences of opinions are valid and equal to their own.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

We use music promote the British value of mutual respect and tolerance by enabling pupils to work together in music lessons to compose and arrange their own music in pairs or small groups and the importance of understanding the need to listen to each other's opinions and ideas to create harmonious music. We explicitly teach pupils the skill of listening to others when playing or singing together so that all voices and instruments work and blend together to create the required sound or effect. Additionally, we teach children how to listen to and appraise the performances of their peers, offering constructive criticism in a respectful and positive way. In our use of peripatetic teachers, as well as our regular weekly music lesson and singing assemblies, we are exposing pupils to a wide range of musical styles and genres from around the world. We accept music from all areas of the globe, and we sing songs and play instruments from various geographies, just as we learn to accept people from around the globe.

Democracy

Through Music we promote the British value of democracy by providing opportunities for pupils to choose their own instruments, rhythms and songs and vote to make decisions when working as part of a group. We offer additional group instrument tuition to allow more personal choice, as well as an afterschool club choir.