

The aim in music is to involve all children directly with music, be it performing and composing or listening and appraising.

Children are encouraged to enjoy the music they perform, be it singing, playing or composing on their own, with a partner, in a group or as a class. Over the four years a varied repertoire will develop as will methods of recording and use of musical language.

Instrumental lessons are available in school provided by visiting peripatetic music teachers. These include strings, woodwind and brass. Tuition fees are £2.50 per lesson, plus instrument hire (the hire of the instrument is free to those children on school meals).

Extra curricular activities at the moment include keyboard club and singing club. These are provided free of charge by the school. The music room is open at lunch times for those children who wish to take the opportunity to practise.

Children are encouraged to listen attentively to music. They listen for a purpose and learn to appreciate the different styles and cultures of music. Children need to respond to the music they hear in varied ways, be it moving, composing, singing, playing or improvising.

They must also be able to talk about the music they hear, expressing opinions and preferences with reasons for their choice. They will become confident in the use of musical terminology to describe/discuss music.

In Year 5 your child will study:

- Unit 1: Rhythm and Pulse.
- Unit 2: Musical notation.
- Unit 3: Instrument families.

In Year 6 your child will study:

- Calypso.
- Rounds.
- Rhythms.
- Singing.
- Reading music.

In Year 7 your child will study:

- Performing and composing.
- Rhythmic and melodic ostinato.
- Individual ostinato based on an environmental issue.
- Class composition entitled 'Atmosphere'.
- Cops and Robbers: Blues scale; How to read music; Improvising; Singing; Performance of the song.

In Year 8 your child will study:

- Unit 1: Chromaticism and chromatic music.
- Unit 2: Jazz and Blues music.
- Unit 3: Music history and famous composers.
- Unit 4: Musical theatre.