

St. Bernard's Curriculum Intent – MUSIC

OVERALL INTENT We will foster a lifelong love of learning through engaging children in relevant purposeful and exciting child-centred learning. Through varied provision, support and challenge we will support each child in achieving as a learner, developing enquiring minds and as a person - developing social, moral and emotional resilience.

	INTENT	Explanation	SUBJECT SPECIFIC examples
	Social and Moral development	We will pro-actively include social and moral development across the curriculum linking with our mission statement “you are precious in my eyes.” We will support children in developing respect for themselves and others and preparing them to be good citizens of the future.	Studying Musicians/Composers and styles of Music from a wide range of cultural backgrounds. Being allowed to voice an opinion on a piece of Music, and showing respect for the different opinions of others. Responding to constructive criticism of their work, and providing constructive criticism of others work.
	Developing Life Skills	We will maintain a focus in our curriculum to develop life skills including resilience, independence, self-motivation, self-awareness, self-esteem, and mental well being	Music can challenge some children to work outside of their comfort zone – by creating a safe environment within our classrooms, we will hopefully encourage all the children to participate, and those who wish to, to have their time to shine. The key skills will be taught through the structured curriculum, but there is always opportunity to explore areas of children’s interests in the wider curriculum, eg songs for assemblies etc. You do not need to be a talented musician to enjoy and participate in music lessons.
	Flexible	We will review and adapt our curriculum to meet the needs and interests of our learners. Children’s interests and knowledge will be a factor in determining our curriculum.	We are in the process of updating our curriculum for Music, to make it more relevant to the tastes of the children. However, whilst we do have an overall plan for coverage in Music, we can always be flexible to the interests of the children – the key skills that need to be taught can be taught through many different ‘stimuluses’. It is also very worthwhile to ‘tap into’ current events in the Music world that may grab the children’s attention and excite them about the subject.
	Skills based	Our curriculum will focus on skills based learning where our children develop skills that they can use in other topics and other areas of the curriculum	The key skills for each Key stage are laid out clearly in the National Curriculum, and also in the Charanga scheme of work that we are following – but these skills can be taught from a very wide range of ‘stimuluses’ that engage and excite the children.
	Practical	Our curriculum will include a wealth of practical learning giving greater purpose and relevance to learning and	Music is, by its very nature, a very practical subject. The new scheme we have chosen to follow will allow the children lots of

		providing children with the opportunity to learn through doing rather than rote content learning.	opportunities for practical work with a range of instruments. We also offer musical instrument lessons to the children – drums from years 2-6 and woodwind specific to year 4 this year. As part of our extra-curricular provision, the school choir have the opportunity to perform at Manchester Arena and Lowther Pavilion.
	Relevant, Purposeful & Engaging	The curriculum will be grounded in real life experiences which are meaningful to our children. The children will be exposed to issues in the local community, national and international events. Relevant links will be made at every opportunity. Our school family will be encouraged to be independent enquirers and ask Life's Big Questions. They will be exposed to experts in their field, be it staff, other children, visitors or the wider school family	The children will be exposed to a wide range of Musicians/Composers and Musical styles across their time at primary school. There will be opportunity to make links to current events through adaptable planning. Through our whole school Creative Arts weeks, the children will have the opportunity to work with multiple experts in their fields, from a range of backgrounds. As part of our extra – curricular provision, the children in the school choir have the opportunity to perform at Manchester Arena and Lowther Pavilion.
	Challenge	We will challenge our children to be the best that they can through careful planning prior to the lessons and also through “ in the moment planning.”	There is a great freedom within the Music curriculum for each child to explore their own ability and have a great success, as it is an expectation that each child could potentially have very different outcomes. Planned units of work will help to develop key age related skills, whilst the freedom to use in the moment planning means we can then explore these skills further in areas of personal interest to the children.