

Music development plan summary: Tanworth in Arden Church of England Primary School

Overview

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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.

Our curriculum overview for music details the units taught for each class across the year. Music is planned and taught each term, following a progression of skills and linked, where appropriate, to the topic the children are studying. We follow the model music curriculum to guide our lessons and progression, although some building of skills and knowledge is provided for those year groups who haven't been exposed to the higher expectations of the suggested curriculum when they started at Tanworth.

Music is taught weekly using either Charanga units work for the appropriate year group, instrument tuition based on Charanga schemes or through preparation for performances in each term.

Singing happens most days in assemblies. Specific singing assemblies are held weekly with appropriate songs selected to fit with our school values and time of year. We also provide opportunities for body percussion activities.

In addition to listening to music as part of their lessons, pupils are exposed to a wide variety of genres and musical periods to listen to as the enter and exit assemblies each week. This runs on a 3-year cycle with 18 different series of music and is available for children and parents to revisit and access on the school website. Music linked to the

theme is also played live to the children each week in church with the church's musical director providing additional information about the history of music and piece of music being performed.

The music Curriculum is supported by Charanga with progression in singing, percussion, ensemble work and theory embedded in the scheme. We also use BBC ten pieces to supplement our teaching and provide greater breadth and variety for the pupils.

Children are able to learn instruments in music lessons across KS1 and KS2:

- Some units of music engage in one-off instrument tuition, such as the recorder in Years 1 and 2, using Charanga resources
- Warwickshire Music provide a specialist teacher for whole class instrument tuition in Years 3 and 4, where pupils are able to learn brass instruments
- We have a class set of glockenspiels which are used across all classes to enable pupils to play, improvise and compose.
- Children, especially those in Years 5-6 are encouraged to use instruments they have individual lessons for as part of their music lessons as they play in whole class ensemble pieces. Charanga, our music scheme, often provides arrangements for a wide range of instrumentation, allowing children to join in with their specialist instrument at a suitable level.
- Our scheme also has different difficulty levels of arrangements allowing for pupils with a wide range of abilities and those with SEND to access the curriculum. Those with more complex SEND needs are able to access alternative resources that allow them to explore music at their level.

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.

Warwickshire Music peripatetic teachers come into school weekly and offer individual and small group tuition for woodwind, brass and guitar for those pupils who want to extend their musical ability and playing for enjoyment. This is paid for directly by parents to Warwickshire Music. Pupils who are progressing well have the opportunity to take ABRSM/ RockSchool graded exams and peripatetic teachers are able to recommend county ensembles which they can join to further their musical experiences, development and enjoyment.

Outside of lesson time we run a free choir for KS2 at lunchtimes, where we rehearse to sing at Young Voices every year and at school events. This is very popular, with over

50 children attending Young Voices in 2024. Our choir has also performed with Armonico Consort at a performance of Karl Jenkins', 'The Armed Man'.

Although the choir is free, we do have to charge for travel to events such as Young Voices.

We also have our own school band, 'Fortissimo', which is run by Warwickshire Music once a week at lunchtime and is free to join. Pupils who can play 3-4 notes on an instrument can join and will often be invited to do so by the specialist teacher if they are showing a particular aptitude in music lessons. The band plays pieces for fun but also rehearses to play in school events such as fairs and parental assemblies/ services.

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.

Performances

Class assemblies, services and performances provide opportunities for pupils to share the songs they have learnt at school with an audience of parents.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 perform their annual nativities and enjoy performing their songs as an integral part of this.

Key Stage 2 hold an annual 'Christmas Concert' in the church comprising of both religious and secular songs and featuring group and solo singing.

The KS2 classes also have responsibility for leading services in the school year which include their performing of songs:

- Year 3 lead the Christmas service
- Year 4 lead the Harvest Service
- Year 5 lead the Easter Service
- Year 6 lead the Leavers' Service

Each year, Year 6 produce a show performance with acting and song which is often the highlight of their transition process.

Each year we hold a 'Tanworth's Got Talent' show where some children choose to perform music as their act.

Once a year we hold a music concert where children who have had peripatetic lessons and those children who play in our whole class lessons perform for the staff, children and parents.

Concerts and Shows

Children have the opportunity to attend a charged annual trip to the pantomime.

A small number of children in KS2 are able to attend the live music recitals that take place once a month in our neighbouring church on a lunchtime. These include recitals on a range of instruments and voice.

In the future

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

- We are in the early stages of brass teaching within the school and would like to develop the number of children who take up an instrument for further development and enjoyment when they move into Years 5-6.
- We want to develop our opportunities for pupils to perform what they have learnt and practiced in music lessons for others.
- We want to develop our use of technology in supporting pupils with their understanding, performing, improvising and composition of music.
- We would like to develop the school band further and include more performances outside of the immediate school community.