

Music development plan summary: Westminster Primary Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2023-2024
Date this summary was published	June 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	October 2024
Name of the school music lead	Mrs. Kate Fard
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Blackpool Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

Taught by a specialist music teacher, class music lessons at Westminster Primary Academy are accessed by all pupils. These lessons include playing percussion instruments, keyboards and singing. Lessons are planned and delivered following the National Curriculum at key stage 1 and key stage 2 and Expressive Art and Design in the Early Years Foundation Stage. Music lessons for key stage 1 and 2 are held in the Music Room and are 45 minutes in length. Lessons consist of 3 groups per year group. There are 2 larger groups of no more than 22 children, and one smaller group. This is to ensure all children's needs are met. Support staff attend the smaller group so that children can access extra help if needed, and so that lessons can be quieter, keeping in mind, some pupils' intolerance to louder sounds.

In addition to the 45 minutes, a further 15 minutes of music time is spread over the week and takes place in classrooms so that class teachers and pupils can enjoy listening to music and singing together.

The Music curriculum is varied and is based around the interrelated dimensions of music. Pupils are taught to read music, to play as a soloist and in ensembles. Focus is centred on creating opportunities for *all* pupils to 'enjoy and achieve'. The interactive website, 'Charanga' is used in most music lessons, but not solely, and 'Charanga Yumu and Music World' are available for all our key stage 2 pupils to access, without charge, at home. Music is taught with the model music curriculum (March 2021) in mind, ensuring that there is progression throughout the year groups and the music teacher takes advantage of advice from this document.

In Year 3 all children have been given a wider opportunity by learning to play the violin and in Year 4, all children have been taught to play the recorder. From September 2024 this will also include the ukulele.

Through music we can learn various aspects of diversity. We encourage our children to share music from their own cultures and celebrate the performance of them singing in their native language. Children learn African drumming and pebble games, Maori stick games, an Australian 'Welcome' song and the Hakka. They sing a variety of multicultural songs and listen and play along to different styles, such as Reggae and Jazz. Our curriculum also includes questions that challenge discrimination, such as; Why are there no female composers on our timeline and do socio-economic factors have an influence on the types of music listened to, and performed?

Part B: Extra-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.

At Key stage 2, in addition to the instruments taught in class lessons, other instrumental lessons are taught in small groups by the peripatetic teachers from Blackpool Music Services. These instruments include; violin, cello, trumpet, trombone, tenor horn, flute, clarinet, drums, baritone and euphonium. Instruments and instrumental tuition are offered free of charge by the school, and children are encouraged to accelerate progress by performing in the free community orchestra held at the school on Thursdays after school, in playing with another Music Service band or orchestra, such as BASSO, and through working towards BMS Medals and ABRSM qualifications.

Throughout the year, pupils perform on stage in several Blackpool Music Service events, at locations such as the Winter Gardens and Grand Theatre, Blackpool.

Choir is held on a Tuesday at 8 30 am- 8 55am. The choir perform for our local community at several events over the year.

Drum club on Wednesdays and keyboard club on Fridays are also held before school.

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.

Pupils have had the opportunity to see live events such as the NYO at Blackpool Tower, organised by the Music Service, and have also been on trips organised by the school, such as to Liverpool to listen to the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and also on visits to watch shows and Pantomines at the Grand Theatre. We also have had pantomimes performed in school by theatre groups. This has been funded through parental donation, school funding and local business donations. Pupils have performed at the following concerts over the last year;

The Remembrance Service, St. Paul's Church Fair, Claremont First Step Centre, the BMS Concert at the Winter Gardens, Christmas events in school, Pennystone Court Care Home, Schools Alive at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool Be who you want to be launch ,BMS Pop Idol, BMS Musician of the Year, the Talent Show and a Summer Concert in school.

In the future

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

In September 2024 a new member of staff will join Westminster. As a specialist primary music teacher, he will co-teach music with our current music teacher until October half term, and will then take over as Music Lead for the school.

Plans are in place for the ukulele to be taught at key stage 2 from October 2024.

Further information (optional)

Information about Blackpool Music Service including development plans is available :
<https://blackpoolmusicservice.co.uk/>

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Your Blackpool music service local [music hub](#) should also have a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 that should include useful information.