MUSIC



Intention, Implementation Impact

Intention

Music should be an enjoyable experience for pupils and teachers. Children participate in a range of musical experiences, building up their confidence at the same time. They develop their understanding of rhythm and pitch and learn how music is structured, as well as learning technical vocabulary for these elements. As children's confidence builds, children enjoy the performance aspect of music. Children experience listening to music from different cultures and eras. We widen children's musical opportunities and experiences through the engagement with external teaching specialists.

Implementation

Music is taught as a discrete subject but also across and throughout the curriculum. Areas of learning, such as times tables in maths, vocabulary in languages and movement in dance can all incorporate different elements of music. A weekly singing assembly allows the children opportunities to develop their singing skills and gain an understanding of how ensembles work. Performances, such as shows, demonstrate that music is important to the life of the school. Music can often be heard in the building as a soothing and homely-feel which some children connect with. Extracurricular activities, such as Young Voices and peripatetic music lessons, also provide children with experience of making music. Children in Year 4 and Year 6 have taught music sessions from Wider Opportunity Music Service, with whole class instrument lessons e.g. djembe drums, ukulele etc.

Impact

The impact of teaching music will be seen across the school with an increase in the profile of music. Whole-school and parental engagement will be improved through performances, extracurricular activities and opportunities suggested in lessons/overviews for wider learning. Participation in music develops wellbeing, promotes listening and develops concentration. We want to ensure that music is loved by teachers and pupils across school, encouraging them to want to continue building on this wealth of musical enjoyment, range, and ability; now and in the future.