

Intent

Music teaching at St Andrew's aims to follow the requirements of the National Curriculum, providing a broad and balanced programme that ensures the progressive development of musical skills, knowledge and concepts. At St Andrew's we recognise that music plays an important part in helping children to feel part of a community and developing their self-confidence and creativity, and so we provide a wide range of opportunities for all children to nurture a love of music and their potential as musicians. Through assemblies, concerts, class and key stage performances children are able to express their emotions and experience the excitement and prestige of demonstrating their musical skills to an audience.

We recognise that an early start in music often results in musical engagement becoming a life-long passion, and whilst not all children will pursue a career in music, the seeds sown in the classroom will continue to flourish and enrich their lives.

At St Andrew's we enable children to experience and understand that playing an instrument or learning to sing requires concentration and perseverance. By regularly working in ensemble children are encouraged to recognise their own skills and appreciate those of others. This builds life skills and promotes the importance of working harmoniously with others towards a common goal.

The aims of our Music curriculum are to develop pupils who:

- Enjoy and critically engage with music from different traditions, genres and historical periods, including the works of the great composers and musicians.
- Sing and use their voices with confidence and expression.
- Create and compose music for a range of purposes, understanding how the interrelated dimensions can be used for intended effects.
- Use and understand musical notations, including staff notation.
- Play a range of classroom percussion instruments, both tuned and untuned, with fluency and control.
- Use music technology to capture and manipulate sounds.
- Perform confidently, showing an awareness of audience, place and occasion.

Implementation

The music curriculum at St Andrew's aims to provide a clear pathway for musical learning to promote high standards of achievement and to enable all children to achieve their full potential as musicians.

Learning in music focuses on six key strands as exemplified in the National Curriculum for Music and our progression framework: (i) singing, (ii) listening, (iii) playing, (iv) performing, (v) composing and improvising, (vi) notation and technology.

The strands of musical learning are part of a learning spiral across the key stages and are not intended to be linear. Over time, children will develop new musical skills and concepts and re-visit those already established. Repeating a musical skill enables children to make progress as skill levels shift within the spiral of learning and consequently achieve mastery.

Music is taught using the Charanga scheme of work, supplemented by the BBC Ten Pieces resources to ensure that children receive a broad and balanced exposure to music from different times, traditions, cultures and genres, including the works of the great composers, past and present. Each termly unit develops skills, knowledge and

understanding across the six key strands and frequent opportunities are sought for children to share their work through performance.

Enrichment opportunities are provided throughout and beyond our music curriculum for all pupils.

Y4 children participate in the Wider Opportunities Programme in partnership with Wigan Council Music Service. Over the course of one year the children are able to experience the delights of learning to play a musical instrument in solo and ensemble contexts, develop perseverance needed to improve, know how to practise and prepare for regular public performances.

The many opportunities to share and perform our music-making at St Andrew's include:

- Annual Musical Extravaganza
- Christmas Nativity (EYFS-Year 2)
- Christmas Performance (KS2)
- Music Alive
- Church Services
- End of Year Show
- School Brass Band Performances

Children also have the opportunity to participate in weekly 1:1 and small-group instrumental and singing lessons provided by Wigan Council Music Service. Lessons are available on all orchestral instruments, guitar, keyboard and voice.

We are proud to offer music tuition to Y5 & Y6 through St. Andrew's School Brass Band. All children are offered an instrument, tuition during band practice and opportunities to participate in live performances.

Impact

Our music curriculum is designed to promote progression of skills, knowledge and understanding, and as in other subjects, discreet teaching of subject-specific vocabulary permeates each unit of work. The impact of our curriculum is measured using the following methods:

- Pupil voice
- Governor/subject coordinator monitoring
- Termly reporting and tracking of standards across the curriculum
- Collection of evidence of standards through audio/video recordings and photographs which are found on the website
- Reflection on standards of achievement against planned outcomes
- Dedicated music leader time