

CURRICULUM PRINCIPLES - INTENT



Whole School Curriculum Intent

Our intent is to create active learners who can reflect, question, wonder, think, connect, be self-aware and be resilient. We intend to provide opportunities for our children to build knowledge, make meaning and apply understanding across a range of learning experiences. As an increasingly diverse school, the promotion of acceptance and inclusion underpins our curriculum, whilst maintaining our strong Christian values and ethos.

Music Intent

Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. As pupils progress, they should develop a critical engagement with music, allowing them to compose, and to listen with discrimination to the best in the musical canon. (The National Curriculum)

The music curriculum intends to inspire pupil's self-expression and creativity, to feel musical and develop a life-long passion for it, as well as embedding the sense of community through opportunities to sing, perform and be exposed to diverse musical experiences. By listening and responding to a range of musical styles children are encouraged to become confident and reflective musicians. We hope to ignite a passion and love for music that children will take with them on their musical journeys.

Each unit of work has an on-going musical learning focus and lessons usually follow a specific learning sequence:

- Listen and Appraise
- Musical Activities (including pulse and rhythm)
- Singing and Voice
- Playing instruments
- Improvisation / Composition
- Perform and Share

Aim

The aim of the curriculum is to develop pupils who:

- Create and compose music
- Can sing and use their voices
- Listen to, appraise and appreciate the work of create composers and musicians from a range of genres, styles and traditions.
- Use and understand musical language and express these features in their own compositions
- Have opportunities to experience performances as both the performer and as the audience