

Music development plan summary: William Stockton Primary School



Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Connor Millington
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	n/a
Name of local music hub	Love Music Trust
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Little Voices

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.

Here at William Stockton, we have created a Music curriculum with a vision to equip children with a wide range of knowledge, experiences and skills. To achieve these aims and 'get better at' Music we implement 'CLAP' throughout the curriculum.

C - Compose L - Listen A - Appraise P - Perform

As keen musicians, we appreciate the value of effective Music teaching. We have developed a curriculum with 'Little Voices' - Music specialists - who deliver the high quality Music lessons in school. Together we monitor, assess and provide the children with rich content and experience in Music. We have bought into Little Voices to ensure that our children receive a high quality Music curriculum delivered by experts.

Our bespoke Music curriculum for each year group can be found online.

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Music lessons are taught by a Music specialist teacher from Year 1 to Year 6 (1 hour across two weeks). In Nursery and Reception music is taught through discrete lessons, enhanced provision and encouraged through continuous provision; songs and music are used regularly throughout the curriculum.

We need to include how we are increasing access for disabled pupils and supporting pupils with special educational needs (SEND). We use adaptive teaching to make sure that all children can access and progress through music. Through personalised support and Practical lessons support can be given through:

- Composition time during the lessons allow children to explore the musical instrument/technique and improve the skill at their own pace.
- Kagan in an ensemble. - mixed ability groups.

We will look at and use the school information guidance on curriculum and on SEND for [maintained schools](#) and for [academies and free schools](#).

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.

We know that we need to offer music tuition outside of what is taught in lesson time, including one-to-one, small-group and large-group tuition for instruments or voice.

We currently offer a school choir KS2 children can join without charge.

We will set out how pupils can make progress in music outside of lesson time, including things like: instrument loans, weekend, after-school or holiday provision such as Saturday music centres, and any qualifications or awards pupils can achieve.

Children are given the opportunity to Listen to and Appraise a different style of music regularly with our 'Musical Genre of the Month'. Listening and Appraising is part of our CLAP approach to delivering Music education.

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.

Our school is dedicated to providing enriching musical experiences for all children throughout the academic year. Here is an outline of the planned musical activities, including regular events, performances, and external trips, along with details on student participation and any associated costs.

Whole Class Ensemble Teaching: We provide whole class ensemble teaching as part of our curriculum, providing every child with the experience of learning and performing together.

Musical Visitors: We invite professional musicians to the school to work with the children. For example, this year we hosted a beatboxer who performed in an assembly for the whole school and conducted workshops with Key Stage 2.

Concerts and Performances: We organise trips for children to attend concerts and musical performances outside of school. For instance, a local pantomime with musical focused performances and, in previous years, Year 3 and Year 4 students had the opportunity to see an orchestra.

Pantomime: The whole school attended a pantomime this year, which was a delightful experience for all which had a focus on the songs in the performance.

Year 5 Singing Event: Each summer, pupils are invited to sing in concert at a local high school. This year, our school choir represented us.

Event Costs: All events and trips are subsidised by school. We strive to ensure all children have access to these opportunities regardless of financial circumstances. Any financial contributions would likely be towards covering the cost of transportation if required.

Trust Song - As a Multiacademy Trust, the children will be involved in performing and producing an original song for the wider Multi Academy Trust.

By continuing to provide these diverse musical opportunities, we aim to inspire a love of music and promote and develop musical skills in all our children.

In the future

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

William Stockton is committed to continuously enhancing our music education we offer in the coming years. Building on our current strengths and addressing areas for improvement, we have outlined several key initiatives to enrich music in our school.

Weekly Music Lessons: We plan to ensure that all pupils continue to receive at least one hour of timetabled curriculum music each week (every other in KS1), following the CLAP framework (Compose, Listen, Appraise, Perform).

Individual and Small Group Instrument Tuition: Starting from the next academic year, we will plan to offer individual/small group instrument tuition. We used home surveys to determine the most popular instruments and requested support from Little Voices to find Music tutors.

Singing Lessons and Choir: We will continue to improve the school choir. Rehearsals will be scheduled, and choir members would have the opportunity to perform in termly school performances or in assemblies as well as events in the community.

Instrumental Music Group: An instrumental ensemble or band will be planned to be established, offering children the chance to learn and perform as part of a group.

Live Performances: We will continue to organise opportunities for children to enjoy live performances, both within the school and on external trips.

Visiting Musicians: We will continue to look to invite professional musicians to conduct workshops and performances at the school, enriching the children's musical experiences.

Enhanced SEND Provision: We are committed to further developing more effective strategies to support children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in our music lessons. This includes tailored teaching approaches and professional development for teachers.

Improved Assessment Practices: We will implement a new assessment framework to better capture and track pupil progress in music and achievements.

Performance Spaces: Should we be successful in providing extra music tuition for small groups/individuals, we will ensure that adequate spaces are available for rehearsals and individual practice.