

Music development plan summary: Sandown Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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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.

At Sandown Primary school children receive one hour a week of music teaching from Year 1 – Year 6. Music is embedded across the curriculum totalling the equivalent of one hour in Year R.

From Year 1 onwards children are taught using the Charanga Model Music Curriculum. Children also have plentiful opportunities to practice and perform singing through fortnightly singing assemblies

Children also have whole-class opportunities to learn an instrument, Ukulele's in Year 3, and recorders in Year 4.

Furthermore, private instrument lessons are available for violin, keyboard, and guitar.

Children with SEN are supported to access the curriculum through predictable lessons with a consistent structure, Widgit symbols in music scrapbooks to support vocabulary, and tasks being broken into smaller, more manageable chunks. There are many further ways children with SEN can be supported to access the music curriculum at Sandown school, with adjustments made based on the individual needs of pupils.

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.

Beyond the core curriculum, children at Sandown are provided with plentiful opportunities to sing and play music.

Private instrument lessons are provided by Upstrumguitar@gmail.com for guitar, and www.createmusic.org.uk for violin and keyboard.

All children have the opportunity to sing and perform through fortnightly 'singing' assemblies. Performances to parents are then held at celebration assemblies and the annual Year 6 leaver's assembly.

At Sandown School we also have a school choir club running at lunchtimes from term 2 – term 5. Children participating in this choir had two opportunities to perform at The White Rock Theatre this academic year, in both the Hastings Music Festival and the Let's Sing choir competition. This year the choir consisted of 70% disadvantaged pupils, giving many children a valuable opportunity to sing and perform in the local community.

This academic year we have also seen our guitar students perform to the elderly residents of a local care home and invited residents from another local care home to the school to see our Year 2 'carol concert' singing performance.

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.

Regular musical events for the school include:

- Year 2 carol concert singing performance to parents and residents of local care home
- Year 6 guitar students' performance to parents and rest of school
- Whole-School singing performance to Year 6 parents at Year 6 leavers assembly

- School choir performance to parents and public at Hastings music festival (travel subsidised by local music charity)
- Fortnightly singing assemblies for all pupils from Year R to 6
- Year 3 Ukulele concert to parents
- Year 4 recorder concert to parents

In the future

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

In subsequent years the school's development plan targets those children who are not already accessing an extra-curricular club to do so. This will include additional opportunities for musical activity e.g. more children will be encouraged to get involved with the school choir club and/or private instrument lessons.

Furthermore, the school is planning to enter and participate in Young Voices for 2025, taking a group of children to London to sing as part of a large group of schools at the O2.

We are also extending our ukulele teaching from 6 weeks to 12 weeks for each Year 3 class in the upcoming academic year.