

Music development plan summary: *Oak Meadow Primary*

Overview

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| Name of the school music lead | A Blunt |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | |
| Name of local music hub | Wolverhampton Music Service |
| Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place) | |

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 Oak Meadow Primary School children receive at least, 1 x 45-minute music lesson per week across both KS1 and KS2. Lessons are taught by a subject specialist for the most part, and other teaching staff who have previous experience teaching music in schools.

The key components of our music curriculum include: the Charanga Scheme informed by the Model Music Curriculum and the government National Curriculum. The Charanga Scheme allows children to learn musical concepts through listening, singing, playing, evaluating, analysing and composing whilst embedding a deeper understanding of the interrelated dimensions of music. Each unit builds on the previous musical concepts and children have opportunities to use musical instruments in every lesson to develop their technical control and expressive skills.

Although this spiral model curriculum is ambitious and challenges children to develop their existing musical skills, all children are fully included in musical activities and consideration is always given to the individual needs and backgrounds of all pupils. For example, access to ear defenders and the use of a break away space during lessons is available. This is particularly useful for SEND pupils to support sensory issues relating to noise.

Oak Meadow work closely with the Wolverhampton Music Service, who deliver high quality instrumental teaching in school as well as providing a network of free ensembles and events for the children to experience outside of school. Our school have gained the Music Mark Award in recognition of a commitment to providing a high-quality music education for all children and young people.

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.

The children in Year 4 take part in 'Whole School Instrumental Tuition' provided for school by the Wolverhampton Music Service. All children learn to play an instrument, such as the Djembe drums and perform two concerts throughout the year to the school and wider community. This also supports their musical progression when in Year 5 and 6, where small group tuition takes place once a week outside of their timetabled music lesson. The children learn to play instruments, including the violin or cello, read notation and compose music with notes. Pupils who are identified to have particularly enjoyed or are skilled during these lessons are signposted to the Wolverhampton Music School to continue their musical journey.

We have a KS2 choir, who perform together weekly and take part in a range of events both inside and outside of school.

There is also an after-school guitar club available for pupils in KS2, where the children learn to play and perform in an end of term concert.

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.

Throughout the school year there are plenty of opportunities for pupils to perform in assemblies to showcase their musical talents. The school choir also take part in the

annual performance of 'Sing 4 Christmas' at St John's Church in Wolverhampton. This is a free event allowing our children to enjoy some festive fun through singing and music making with the Wolverhampton Music Hub. The Music Service staff are also invited into school to provide workshops and perform live concerts.

Year groups from KS2 are also invited to visit 'The Halls' in Wolverhampton to experience a free live orchestral concert and the 'Singing in The Halls' event, where pupils are exposed to a range of instruments, musicians and to experience the joy of singing and a live band performance.

In the future

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

- To aim to teach music across KS1 and KS2 for at least an hour per week.
- To continue providing musical experiences for different year groups outside of pupil's music lessons.
- To develop links across Trust schools to create collaborative and cultural experiences.