

Music development plan summary: Kilnhurst St Thomas' Primary Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
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Name of the school music lead	Ryan Turner
Name of local music hub	Rotherham School Music services
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Charanga

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.

Details of our ambitious music curriculum can be found on our website:

<https://www.stthomas-kilnhurst.co.uk/curriculum/curriculum-subjects/music/>

Our music curriculum is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021), non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 3.

Increasing access for pupils with SEND

In Music lessons we encourage children to become creative and independent musicians. To enable them to do this some children will need instructions to be simplified, or presented in a visual format. Teachers will demonstrate what is expected at each step of the way. We encourage every child to actively participate and not just be an observer. Children with physical needs may need additional support to access some instruments – we adapt provision to ensure achievement is possible for all.

Additional information about our SEND offer is available on our website:

<https://www.stthomas-kilnhurst.co.uk/key-information/send/>

All pupils have weekly music lessons for 30- 45 minutes. In the EYFS, the Foundations of Music are laid as part of the wider curriculum and provision.

Charanga

At St Thomas' we use the Charanga scheme as a basis for part of our music curriculum. This is informed by the Model Music Curriculum. Children are taught musicianship, to listen and appraise, learn to sing a song and then perform what they have learned during the lesson. Each unit has a Musical Spotlight and a Social Question and sets out sequences of learning around songs in key musical areas. Over time, all of this contributes towards the steadily increasing development of musical learning.

Instruments

In Year 2 – Year 6 we supplement the Charanga scheme with our own bespoke programme for learning to play the recorder. This has been developed by music leads and senior leaders to ensure that all pupils made good progress in learning one instrument throughout their time at primary school, and leave with a good knowledge of musical notation.

Charanga provide the school with the music scheme, CPD sessions, 1-1 virtual support and a key Charanga link for any queries or improvement discussions.

Our Music Specialist provides the school with 1-1 and small group music lessons, which involve opportunities for performance.

Pupils at St Thomas' have the opportunity to attend the Young Voices performance each year.

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.

Our music specialist provides opportunities to learn a stringed instrument (guitar) for children in Key Stage 2. Children have the opportunities to perform in assemblies, for parents and in external events. Those who are taking part in group or individual music

lessons, provided by our music specialist, are also given a chance to perform to the rest of school at different points throughout the year.

The school choir (supported by the local church) runs afterschool on Tuesdays and focuses on traditional and modern songs. This is led by a Mrs Hall and Ms Newman. This choir performs in the community when we have Christmas services in school and in the local community, and in Collective Worship at school. The choir have a different intake of children from Key Stage 2, every term which is a free service, as to include all groups (e.g. Pupil Premium). The choir targets those children who need support with self-esteem and confidence

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.

As part of Worship

At Kilnhurst St Thomas we include hymns and singing for Reception-Year 6 in each Collective Worship session, one of which has a focus on teaching children songs explicitly. Each half term has a musical focus in Collective Worship and in classrooms.

Children in EYFS and KS1 practise and perform a nativity and/ or a secular school play in Autumn term. Children in KS2 perform a traditional Christmas Choir concert in December.

Singing Groups

All children who take part in singing, choir or instrument groups have the opportunity to perform for parents in Music assemblies throughout the year.

Young Voices takes place annually and is the largest choice performance in the country. This takes place at a local arena and a group of KS2 pupils attend from our school. This is funded through voluntary contributions from parents of participating children.

Fees

Parents pay through Arbor for individual music lessons. Choir is a free activity for Key Stage 2 children.

In the future

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

- The start of the Choir will begin in September.
- Pupils are due to take part in Young Voices again in January