

Music Intent



Key Purpose:

Why is this subject important?

- Creating and engaging with music encourages self-expression and creativity which helps to build confidence and a sense of individual identity.
- Creativity is an essential component for many future jobs – desirable for enabling innovation and progress in a culture which is increasingly STEM focused.
- Learning to play an instrument develops children’s motor skills and teaches them to employ hard work, practice and discipline.
- Music is beneficial for children’s wellbeing; improving their happiness and allowing a ‘release’ from the pressures of other academic subjects.

Key Principles:

What are the distinctive ways of knowing, working and learning in this subject?

- Music education provides an opportunity for pupils to explore how they can sing and make music from instruments by listening carefully and recalling sounds with increasing accuracy.
- Pupils are encouraged to learn how to read musical notation which is specific to this subject and which is important in their future musical endeavours.
- Children will have the opportunity to listen to and appreciate a range of musical genres and instruments.
- Children will develop considerable resilience as they sharpen their musicality – a vital skill for improving their success across the curriculum.

Expectations:

What does success look like in this subject?

- Children will be able to discuss and express critical opinions about a range of musical compositions and the history of music.
- Children will understand and be able to apply the inter-related dimensions of music within a natural progression.
- Children will have the confidence to improvise and compose pieces of music using a range of instruments, including voice.
- Children will be able to play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts.
- Children will discover and find delight in a range of music, both for listening and performing.

