

Music development plan summary: Gunthorpe Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Poppy Ould
Name of local music hub	Peterborough Music Hub

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 Gunthorpe, we have timetabled music lessons in all year groups once a week. We use the CUSP music scheme. Sing Up is used to further support and inform our lessons, which is aligned to the National Curriculum for Music and gives us a variety of resources. Following these schemes allows us to cover all essential areas of the National Curriculum whilst encouraging an appreciation of music amongst our children.

Observations and recordings are taken during these sessions to enable us to confidently follow pupils' progress throughout school. Observations have shown all pupils engaged and active during the lessons, including SEND. We have a wide range of instruments that can be used in the lessons and our curriculum, and hope to continue to grow this collection.

In Years 2 and 4, Peterborough Music Hub provide us with an expert music teacher to teach whole-class ensemble for one term, including violins and ukuleles.

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.

At Gunthorpe, we provide many opportunities for the children to develop their music skills. We have weekly whole-school singing assemblies, with a wide range of songs being learnt and performed. The children take part with confidence and enthusiasm.

We have a well-subscribed choir in both KS1 and KS2, with regular performances taking place to showcase our talented pupils.

At breaktimes and lunchtimes, children get to experience listening and dancing to a variety of music through our OPAL scheme and will soon have access to a music wall, allowing them to explore and compose in their free time.

Once a year, our Year 4 children attend the Cresset Singing day at our local theatre, which is organised by a local group Peterborough Sings. They get to learn about different instruments, meet some professional musicians and have the fantastic opportunity to sing with a live band, on stage, in front of an audience.

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.

Every December, our Year 3 children enjoy the opportunity to visit a local theatre and watch an orchestra perform live. This is always a highlight of the year.

Throughout the school year, there are many chances for children to perform in front of their parents and carer and other children in the school. For example, our EYFS children perform a Nativity-style show and the Year 6 leaver's performance is always highly anticipated. Carol concerts and choir performances also happen regularly. At the end of our whole-class ensemble sessions, we invite families in to share in the children's success.

In the future

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

In the subsequent years to come, we are planning to build on our music progress by re-evaluating the current curriculum to upskill in-line with the model music curriculum. Furthermore, we are hoping to collaborate further with the music hub to provide some CPD to ensure that our staff have the confidence to deliver high quality music sessions.

We will continue to develop a school choir and children's performance skills with more opportunities to perform throughout the year, with our local music hub and in the community. It is also our aim to create a school ensemble group to complement this,

We would love to provide our children with more opportunities to watch live music performances and will liaise with our music hub to organise an in-school performance.

We are investigating an outdoor musical garden on our school site.