

Music development plan summary: Waddesdon Village Primary School

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Louisa Tennant
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Laura Forchione
Name of local music hub	Bucks Music Trust
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, extra-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 section is about what we teach in lesson time.

At Waddesdon Village Primary school, we primarily teach music through the 'Kapow Primary' scheme of learning. This programme follows the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum (NC) and supports the Department of Education's non-statutory guidance for the National Curriculum, the March 2021 Modern Music Curriculum (MMC).

Each class has regular, weekly timetabled music lessons as well as participating in Key Stage singing assemblies. Children are given opportunities to develop their understanding and enjoyment of music through performing and composing, listening to and appraising music. Through the teaching of music, we aim to introduce children to a wide variety of music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions. We encourage their active involvement in music making and they learn to sing together, play both tuned and untuned instruments and use appropriate musical vocabulary.

Singing and making music is an integral part of EYFS life and in addition to the Kapow scheme and singing assemblies children learn songs linked to their topics, make music and perform on their outdoor stage and learn about different instruments and sounds.

They listen to and move to music daily. Performances are shared with parents either in person or via recordings on Tapestry.

Pupils in Year 6 currently take part in whole class instrumental lessons for one term. They learn to read formal written musical notation and play glockenspiels. These lessons are taken by the music lead and use resources from the Kapow scheme written specifically for whole class teaching on tuned percussion instruments.

Children listen to music from the Model Music Curriculum recommended list during assemblies and in music lessons.

Pupils with SEND take part in all music lessons and experiences. Lessons are adapted and pupils are provided with scaffolds as required to allow all children to access and enjoy lessons.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

This section is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time.

A large number of pupils at WVPS learn to sing and play instruments outside of lesson time. These opportunities are offered in the following ways:

- Children have the opportunity to learn and play as part of a rock ensemble, with iRock. Each week, an external music teacher visits school and teaches children how to play a rock instrument, or sing, as part of a band. The bands take part in termly performances where parents and the rest of the school can come and watch.
- Children have the opportunity to learn how to play the guitar, drums or have singing lessons with xyz music academy. Each week, an external music teacher visits the school and children perform to their parents and the school in assembly.
- Mr Mitchener, a peripatetic music specialist, offers weekly piano lessons.
- Mr Mitchener, also runs a weekly school choir and ukulele group. Both groups regularly perform to the school, parents and members of the local community.

In addition to these opportunities, the music lead offers a LKS2 recorder club in Spring term and information is shared with parents about booking instrumental or vocal lessons with the Bucks Music Trust.

As part of the school's Pupil Premium Strategy, all PP pupils are offered fully funded choir and ukulele lessons and some music lessons (Piano/ iRock) for PP pupils are also fully funded.

Part C: Musical experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise.

Weekly key stage singing assemblies for all children are led by Mr Mitchener, a music specialist. Children also sing together as a whole school in assemblies celebrating special occasions such as Harvest and Easter.

Children in each Key Stage perform in a musical performance every year: EYFS and KS1 take part in an annual Nativity play, LKS2 perform together at the end of the Spring term and UKS2 take part in the end of year production. These performances give all children the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience including their peers, parents and members of the local community.

In the future

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

- Further links with Waddesdon C of E Secondary School.
- Extend the offer of whole class instrument lessons to all of KS2.
- Provide more opportunities for children to experience live music either on trips or from visiting musicians.

Further information

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond school.

Local music hub – [Buckinghamshire Music Trust](#)