

Music development plan summary:

Parish Church of England Primary School

Overview

<u>Detail</u>	<u>Information</u>
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Hannah Moore
Name of local music hub	St Helens Music Education 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.

Curriculum Music

The inclusive music curriculum at Parish has been created with the intention of developing children's appreciation of a variety of musical genres, their skills as musicians and their confidence as performers of all ages and abilities. The long term planning of the subject has been collaboratively planned with the school's specialist music teacher. It is in line with aspects of the model music curriculum guidance and incorporates teaching units outlined in the Charanga scheme of work.

Children in the Early Years Foundation Stage access musical opportunities through enhanced continuous provision activities, learning, reciting and performing set nursery rhymes and through the formal teaching of Charanga units in the Reception class during Summer Term.

Children in KS1 and KS2 take part in weekly music lessons taught by class teachers and the specialist music teacher. All children in KS2 learn to play a variety of musical instruments from the ukulele to djembe drums. The progression of skills taught throughout the year groups is set out in the subject progression document. In addition to the music units taught in each year group, St. Helens Music Education Hub provide further specialist teaching within school.

Extra-Curricular Music

Children Y2-Y6 are invited to join the well-established school choir which comprises of approximately 25 pupils. The choir often perform in school celebrations including awards evenings and the Parish University graduation event. The choir also enjoy taking part in local opportunities to perform including Christmas lights switch on events and charity fundraising events. The choir have also previously taken part in the Young Voices concert held in Manchester.

Pupils in KS2 have the opportunity to further engage in the free services offered by the St Helen's Music Hub through instrument specific tuition, wider opportunities band practise, rock and pop band and youth orchestra.

Extra-curricular ukelele tuition is offered to pupils in KS2. This is delivered by Mrs Devaney, music specialist teacher.

Musical experiences

Parish pupils take part in weekly collective worship through song in which they listen and appraise carefully selected entrance and exit music. These pieces of music span the musical periods and include a diverse range of genres. The children receive vocal coaching during singing practice, led by the music specialist teacher and vocal skills professional.

As part of the school's Pots of Gold experiences, Year 6 pupils get the opportunity to experience live music through attending an orchestral concert performed by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, and live theatre musical productions.

Children in Reception and Year 1 take part in the annual SongFest concert at St. Helen's town hall in which over 150 local school children learn, rehearse and come together to perform a selection of themed songs.

Throughout the school year, pupils in all year groups enjoy actively watching a selection of biblical themed performances by the B Tales travelling theatre company.

Family assemblies are a wonderful opportunity for children in each class to share their learning of subject specific topics and cross-curricular links which often involve singing and musical performances in front of large audiences. These take place in the school and church setting.

In the future

Teaching staff will continue to receive CPD opportunities to build on knowledge and develop their teaching of the subject, as required.

Investing in further services offered by St. Helens Music Hub is planned to include the teaching of a wider offer of instruments.

Continued participation in further local concerts for the school choir is planned.