

# **Curriculum Statement**

## **Music**

### **Intent**

Music is a unique way of communicating that can inspire, motivate and enhance children's lives. It can lead to a lifelong passion and can be a release from daily stresses. For this reason, we believe that music is vitally important to our children's personal and social development. Music enables children to develop skill-sets but also allows them to understand different cultures and societies throughout history, helping to enhance their understanding of the world. Music is a creative subject that enables children to develop skills, passions and self-confidence.

We believe that children should have many opportunities to experience, create, play and perform. We aim to provide them with the skills and techniques to ensure they can develop musically, as well as fostering a passion for music of different genres.

In line with the National Curriculum we aim to ensure that all pupils:

- perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians
- learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence
- understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the interrelated dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notation

In order to achieve this pupils are taught the following skills within a variety of lessons across the academic year to:

- Listen and appraise
- Develop music skills through musical games, singing and learning to play musical instruments with control (including improvisation and composition)
- Prepare and execute performances (in class for peers, in parent attended assemblies, in celebratory performances like Christmas and end of year plays)

### **Implementation**

The school has invested in a music scheme called 'Charanga'. The scheme has clear lesson plans, and guides the learners through all the skills needed. We also use musical experiences such as a visitor or trip to inspire music teaching.

**Impact**

We aim for our children to take part in a variety of musical performances throughout the year – Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Summer performances, as well as half termly musical units leading up to a final celebration of the learning. We provide an opportunity to develop musical instrument tuition each year, with a progression of musical instruments and we aim to embed a deeper understanding of musicians through a musical study of inspirational musicians through the ages each term in assembly.