

Music development plan summary: Riverside Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Emily Hogben
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Curriculum Lead
Name of local music hub	Kent Music
Name of other music education organisation	Medway Music Association

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

Information about our music curriculum can be found on the school website-
<https://www.riverside.medway.sch.uk/music>

We allocate 1 hour a week for all pupils in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 for curriculum music lessons every term. Our school music curriculum is informed by the Model Music curriculum (March 2021) for Key Stages 1 and 2.

We are able to offer children whole-class ensemble music lessons in Key Stage 2 due to funding from the Kent Music Hub. Children in year 3 have the opportunity to learn the djembe drums, children in year 4 learn the ocarina, children in year 5 learn the recorder and children in year 6 learn the ukulele.

Additionally, children in year 1 receive a 6-week music program from Kent Music which is also delivered by an outside teacher. This exposes the children to a range of percussion instruments and developed their listening skills.

We develop children's appreciation of a range of music styles and composers by selecting a musician of the week which accompanies children into assembly weekly.

We extend this through discussions in class focusing on particular elements of learning such as tempo and these sessions are known as Music Mondays.

We also work alongside Medway Music Association to provide the children with performance opportunities both for singing and instruments.

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.

Children are given the opportunity to attend a school choir, which practices songs to perform at school fetes and other school events. This opportunity is open to children from all year groups.

Being a part of a multi-academy trust we had the opportunity to work with the other primary and secondary school within the trust on joint projects such as the Shakespeare in schools project.

Part C: Musical experiences

Within the school year there are opportunities for musical experiences and performances for all year groups.

All children perform a song as part of their class assembly.

In foundation stage and Key Stage 1 children perform songs as part of their Christmas Production. In Reception this is a Nativity and in Key Stage 1 it is a pantomime. Key Stage 2 Children participate in the carols around the tree celebration at the end of term 2.

In Year 2 in addition to the class assembly and pantomime children receive the opportunity to perform at the Central Theatre in Chatham as part of the annual Key Stage 1 choral festival.

In Year 3 children perform a class song as part of the Harvest Festival Assembly.

In Year 4 children perform the ocarina to their parents.

In Year 5 children perform as part of the recorder ensemble at the Central Theatre in Chatham.

In Year 6 children perform at the Carols at the Cathedral celebration at Rochester Cathedral.

In the future

In future years there are a number of improvements that we plan to implement.

Curriculum Music-

- Introduce Charanga scheme of work to support teachers with teaching all musical skills
- Investigate CPD opportunities for teachers to improve musical understanding.

Co-curricular Music-

- Opportunities for children to have 1:1 musical tuition
- Support for parents to access musical instrument hire through Kent music for private tuition
- School choir to take part in young voices concert

Musical experiences-

- Annual live music performance within school
- Potential collaboration with other trust schools

Further information

Kent Music Hub- <https://www.kent-music.com/>

Medway Music Association- <https://www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk/>