

Music development plan summary: Westfield Primary School

Overview

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| Name of the school music lead | Helen Rance |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | Helen Rance |
| Name of local music hub | Hertfordshire |
| 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, 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 Westfield our aim is to provide our children with an engaging, exciting and empowering curriculum that equips them for today and tomorrow.

In Music, our intent at Westfield is to ensure that all children can:

- 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 in Music lessons and Music assemblies.
- Create and compose music on their own and with others.
- Have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument through one term of whole class instrument teaching.

- Understand interrelated dimensions of music such as pitch and tempo.
- Use and understand staff and musical notations.
- Attend live musical performances both in school and offsite.
- Have the opportunity to attend a range of high quality extra-curricular Music based clubs.
- Have the opportunity to learn to play an instrument outside of curriculum time with peripatetic music teachers.
- Perform to a live audience during assemblies and concerts.

Music curriculum

Nursery and Reception - We currently use the Sing Up! Scheme of work for supplementing the EYFS provision for our Nursery and Reception classrooms.

Year 1 are taught for a minimum of 40 mins per week following the SingUp! Music scheme of work. They have one term of learning the recorder taught by a specialist teacher.

Year 2 are taught for a minimum of 40 mins per week following the SingUp! Music scheme of work. They have one term of learning the recorder taught by a specialist teacher.

Year 3 are taught for a minimum of 40 mins per week following the SingUp! Music scheme of work.

Year 4 are taught for a minimum of 40 mins per week following the SingUp! Music scheme of work.

Year 5 are taught for a minimum of 40 mins per week following the SingUp! Music scheme of work.

Year 6 are taught for a minimum of 40 mins per week following the SingUp! Music scheme of work.

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 Westfield we offer the following music tuition:

Provided by Mrs Osmond

Guitar

Provided by Mrs Eccles

Piano

The costs of tuition are found via Herts Music Service.

Information on support with payment can be found via Herts Music Service.

Rock Steady

Rock Steady provide children the opportunity to learn to play an instrument or sing within the context of being part of a band. They are taught as a band working on songs together.

Westfield Choir

We offer children in KS2 the opportunity to be in the school choir. It runs on Wednesday after school and is run by Mr Ogden and Mrs Rance. Mr Ogden is a musician and HLTA. Being part of the choir is free and children inform the office of their intent to join. The choir have opportunities to perform at school fairs and during music assembly time.

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.

Musical events.

We hold a music assembly once a week for Years 1- 6, and Reception class join us from the Summer term. At this assembly children are taught a range of songs. They also listen to pieces of music from different genres and consider the instruments used, the genre and the period that the piece is from.

We hold termly Rock Steady concerts where the children perform in their bands to the rest of the school and to parents.

We hold an annual Summer Serenade where children are invited to perform an instrument that they learn either in or out of school, sing a song, perform a dance or a drama piece. This is a free event and open to children from all year groups.

Year 6 attend and take part in the Young Voices concert every year. Our PTA fund the coach and the concert is free to children.

Year 6 perform an end of year production that involves music and singing.

Year 2 perform a Christmas nativity that involves music and singing.

Year 1 perform a Christmas nativity that involves music and singing.

Reception perform Christmas songs to parents.

All year groups perform a song as part of the Harvest celebration and as part of our Christmas service in our local church, in front of the school and parents.

In the future

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

I would like to offer more opportunity for our children to perform instruments as part of music assemblies.

I would like for children to hear more live music – I am inviting Mr Ogden to play piano in music assemblies.

I would like for music to become part of classrooms, for example with children singing morning songs, tidy up songs and end of day songs.