

# Music development plan summary: [Brabin's Endowed Primary School]



## Overview

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Name of local music hub	Lancashire Music 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.

## Part A: Curriculum Opportunities for Music and Enrichment

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.

- ❖ As a School, we are passionate about Music and ensure it is an integral part of our educational offer to pupils
- ❖ A wide range of enrichment opportunities are on offer, both curricular and extra curricular
- ❖ 2021/22 SDP- to increase teacher confidence with the delivery of Music due to staffing changes- CPD provided

Music is currently taught in all classes for at least 3 full half terms a year by Class teachers, Specialist Music teachers and PPA teacher in Reception.

In EYFS the curriculum focus is singing and rhythm, although there are opportunities to explore instruments through music lessons and continuous provision. In addition, singing takes place throughout the school day, often linked to other learning opportunities, such as the singing of nursery rhymes and number songs.

Within our curriculum in KS1 and KS2, we teach all aspects of National Curriculum music using a wide range of resources and materials provided through training from specialist Music Teachers.

Across the School, every music lesson will include the teaching of singing and opportunities for listening/appraising. In EYFS/KS1, each lesson will also include a focus on

rhythm and beat. In addition, music lessons will either have a focus on playing (including formal music notation, especially in KS2) or improvising or composing; sometimes a combination.

Our Music medium term plans detail how we teach music and ensure that we teach age appropriate singing, listening, performing, reading notation, music technology, improvising and composing to ensure a clear progression of skills. When appropriate, we make links to the half-termly theme, especially through our singing and listening for example studying Sci-Fi Film Scores linking to the Science topic of Earth, Moon and Space.

In terms of whole class instrument tuition, glockenspiel units are covered in both KS1 and LKS2 to introduce pupils to notation and tuned instruments. Furthermore, Year 3/4 access 'wider opportunities' whole class lessons from a Specialist Music Teacher for a full term- 'Glock Rock' or 'Ukulele'.

An integral part of our curriculum is making links with specialist music teachers and musicians. This may link directly to units of work e.g song writing workshops or link to an enrichment theme e.g Chinese New Year drumming workshop.

Autumn 2021 and Autumn 2025 all teaching staff accessed a training session with Mr Steven Brown (music specialist teacher) to improve their understanding of the expectations of the Music Curriculum, increase confidence with delivery of lessons and gain a wider range of resources and strategies to use in the classroom.

Class teachers also meet with Subject Leader twice yearly for curriculum review meetings to discuss pupils' attainment in units. CPD provided as necessary following discussions.

## **Part B: Extra-curricular Music Enrichment**

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.

- ❖ Singing and performing are both integral parts of our School Life and we ensure that opportunities for both are maximised within the classroom, whole school events and through extra-curricular opportunities.
- ❖ As a School with Religious Character, singing is an integral part of all collective worship and additional hymn practice takes place once a week. Children perform in concerts, in church, during class showcases to parents and in the community.

Within the classroom, teachers regularly plan for cross-curricular music and singing opportunities to ensure 'sticky' learning for example, songs which link to Science Units and songs which help us to learn the names of the oceans and/or continents in Geography.

There are many opportunities for children to learn to play instruments and sing outside of lesson time. These include:

- Pupils in Year 2 upwards can access 30 minute group guitar lessons once weekly through a specialist music teacher (Create Music).
- KS1 pupils can join 'Ocarina Club'. This club is offered for a term every other year as a lunch time club- Teacher led.
- LKS2 pupils can join 'Recorder Club'. This club is offered for a term every other year as a lunch time club- Teacher led.
- A year-round weekly Choir Club for Year 2 and upwards, concerts include: Church Carol Concerts, Young Voices and Let's Go Sing.

Children learning to play an instrument or members of the School Choir have opportunities to practice in the classroom environment, in a designated room on the school premises, and in their own homes through sharing of online platforms to rehearse songs. Furthermore, as part of their tuition, children play in recitals, performing for the whole school and parents.

## Part C: Musical Experiences, Events and Performances

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.

- ❖ At Brabin's, opportunities to engage and perform in a range of musical experiences are highly-valued and incorporated into the Curriculum and Extra-Curricular opportunities whenever possible. These opportunities promote cultural capital for all our children, their overall wellbeing and confidence, create an authentic outcome to learning, while creating a supportive community of music making in which learning can be shared and celebrated.

Performances throughout pupils time at Brabin's include:

- \*Performing to parents in class showcases each term to celebrate learning
- \*Pupils accessing group music tuition hold a celebration concert at the end of the year
- \*Filming of performances for the School Website and social media
- \*Performances at St Bartholomew's Church: within services and additional carol concerts
- \*Choir performances at the Co op Live, Manchester (Young Voices) alternate years
- \*Choir performances at Blackpool Winter Gardens (Let's Go Sing) every 3 years
- \*All our pupils perform in multiple productions during their time at primary school: Infant Nativity, Y5/6 Summer production and Shakespeare Schools' Festival

parents.

\*All pupils visit the Grand Theatre each year to watch a live musical pantomime. Parents are charged for external visits, i.e. to the theatre and to watch a concert. Pupil Premium children are able to access these experiences either subsidised or free of charge.

In partnership with PE we realise the importance of dance and moving expressively to music. Dance is taught as part of our PE curriculum to a range of different musical styles. Specialist dance teachers visit school to teach the children a range of dances to a range of musical styles.

## In the future

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

- Develop further links with a wider range of musicians to inspire pupils and develop musical role models
- To organise further visits to watch live performances e.g orchestras and links with local High Schools
- To introduce children to a wider range of musical instruments and provide further tuition in instruments such as drumming and piano
- To celebrate pupils' musical achievements outside of school and encourage pupils with experience to sit grade examinations
- To strengthen links with the Music Hub