

Music development plan summary: Oak Lodge Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Lucia Melotta
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Lucia Melotta
Name of local music hub	BYMT
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rocksteady Music BYMT Love To Sing

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 Oak Lodge, music lessons are timetabled across all year groups and delivered weekly. We follow the Sing Up music scheme, which is aligned with the National Curriculum for music. By implementing this scheme and its carefully sequenced weekly lessons, we ensure that children access all statutory National Curriculum requirements and demonstrate progress through observations, recorded progression snapshots and written compositions. Observations indicate that all pupils, including those with SEND, are actively engaged and participate in lessons. Sing Up supports SEND pupils by providing clearly structured knowledge organisers containing visuals and explanations, helping them access the learning. A wide variety of instruments are used during lessons where appropriate. Through CPD and tailored staff meetings, teachers develop confidence in teaching musical elements and guiding children to listen to and

appreciate pieces of music. Sing Up promotes consistency across the school while supporting the development of musical knowledge and skills, particularly in improvisation, composition and performance.

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 Oak Lodge we are fortunate to have many opportunities for the children to develop their music skills. We have an active Key Stage 2 choir who rehearse weekly and perform regularly throughout the year, at local events and in-school events such as our Christmas and Summer music concert. This includes community events, such as in the local care homes, and more formal events, such as Annual Christmas celebrations in the local area. The choir is non-selective and free of charge. We offer school choir opportunities to our Pupil Premium pupils, ensuring that participation is inclusive and accessible to all, with every child encouraged to develop their musical skills, confidence and enjoyment of singing.

Pupils across the school can access specialist instrumental tuition through BYMT in piano, violin, cello, recorder and drums, with these lessons proving extremely popular. Through this provision, children have the opportunity to take ABRSM examinations and showcase their exam pieces to the school during Christmas and Summer concerts.

Oak Lodge also work with external providers for children to explore and develop their musical skills. Love to Sing offer an after-school choir who use acapella as well as live accompanied music to introduce all year groups and abilities of children to singing. Love to Sing also provide the opportunity for this group of children to attend Young Voices. Additionally, we have Rocksteady visit the school once a week where an experienced band leader takes 5 different bands who focus on a different song each term. There is then a celebration performance each term where families and the rest of the school can attend and appreciate their progress. Both of these are private and paid for by parents, however Rocksteady offers 2 bursary places per year which are offered to our Pupil Premium children.

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.

At Oak Lodge, pupils receive a wide range of musical experiences. This starts from watching each other perform Christmas celebration shows, class assemblies and individually as musicians from private lessons.

KS1 and KS2 have weekly singing assemblies where songs are specifically chosen in line with lessons and topics that the children have in class for that half term. For example, in KS2 science we look at states of matter therefore in that half term we focus on a song called 'Solid Liquid and Gasses'. These assemblies provide all children across the school with an opportunity to discover their own singing voice over a range of genres and themes.

At the end of autumn and summer terms we put on a Christmas and Summer performance where children from EYFS to Y6 are given the opportunity to perform to their adults and families. This ranges from children who have private lessons to those who are self-taught and have rehearsals with the music lead to prepare. Instruments showcased include violins, cellos, recorders, drums and pianos, as well as solo singers and duets. BYMT teachers support their students on the evening and provide them with rehearsals during their lesson time.

In the future

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

Through our established music curriculum, we will continue to broaden and enrich the musical experiences offered to our children.

- We want to build on the opportunities for our choir to perform within the local community, including more regular visits to care homes and participation in local events throughout the year.
- We aim to ensure that every child has the opportunity to experience playing a musical instrument during their time at our school, developing their musical skills, confidence and enjoyment.
- We aim to provide opportunities for all children to experience live music, both as performers and as an audience, developing their appreciation, enjoyment and understanding of music and live performance.