



St Marie's Music Curriculum

Intent

At St Marie's School, children gain a firm understanding of music through performing, composing, listening and appraising across a wide variety of historical periods, styles, traditions and musical genre. Children have the opportunity to develop curiosity as well as an understanding and appreciation of the importance of all types of music. We provide children with the opportunity to progress to the next level of their creative expression and excellence.

Implementation

The music curriculum ensures children perform, compose, listen and appraise. This is embedded in all classroom activities as well as during other singing and performing opportunities in school, various concerts and performances and the opportunity of learning to play an instrument including a provision for disadvantaged children and those with additional needs.

Through the musical program charanga.com, learning is fun and engaging and promotes Provision for All. The program is designed specifically for the teaching of music in primary schools. Charanga.com lessons are planned in sequences to provide children with the opportunities to review, remember, deepen and apply their understanding. The music coordinator uses charanga.com music as a basis for all planning but includes other musical experiences better suited to St Marie's community, including KS1 nativity, KS2 Christmas performance and the Easter Passion play.

The inter-related dimensions of music are embedded throughout the music curriculum and reference is made to these in all lessons. Children use musical literacy according to their age and level of progress and understand how it is composed, played, appreciated and analysed.

Composing or performing using body percussion and vocal sounds is part of the curriculum, which aids an understanding of the inter-related dimensions of music without the added complexity of an instrument. Children learn how to play the ukulele and a variety of tuned and untuned percussion instruments. Engaging in instrumental playing enables children to use a range of methods to create musical sound and develop the knowledge and skills to read staff and other notations. They develop the basic skills needed for selecting and organising, improvising and composing.

Impact

Music enables children to develop an understanding of culture and history. Children enjoy music as a listener, composer or performer. They discuss and share their own thoughts, opinions and ideas, acknowledging and respecting that these may vary, and that this is a positive aspect of learning at St Marie's School.

Children are provided with opportunities beyond the National Curriculum to further and support their understanding including visiting performers, attending concerts and taking part in school productions and assemblies. External interests and talents are also encouraged and showcased in school, ensuring that all learners are challenged regardless of previous musical experience. Children understand how to develop skills less known to them, should they wish to further extend their interest in music.