

Music development plan summary: *Captain Cook Primary School*

Overview

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| Name of local music hub | Tees Valley Music Service |

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

At Captain Cook Primary School we seek to make music an enjoyable and practical learning experience that will inspire and motivate children. It is a vehicle for personal expression and can also play an important part in helping children to feel part of a community. We provide opportunities for all children to create, play, perform and enjoy music.

Our school music curriculum is informed by the 2021 Model Music Curriculum with KS1 and KS2 our music teaching largely based upon the Kapow scheme of learning. Kapow is a progressive program that enables pupils to reflect and build on their musical knowledge and skills. In EYFS music is linked to the Early Years Framework and includes the learning and singing of rhymes and simple songs and laying basic percussion instruments. All students are able to access this curriculum from EYFS to Year 6 which ensures the progression of skills and knowledge throughout each year group. Pupils with SEND are able to participate which enable music lessons to be inclusive for all pupils

Music is a timetabled subject which is taught regularly in class by the class teacher. A variety of instruments are being used to support children's development. In KS2 this includes whole class lessons in glockenspiel and recorder playing.

In addition to class lessons, there are weekly assemblies in KS1 and KS2 focussing on singing and musical understanding and appreciation.

Provision in the school is supported and extended by our local music hub, Tees Valley Music Service.

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.

For interested children, one-to-one and small group instrumental lessons are provided by Tees Valley Music Service. These lessons incur a cost which can vary depending upon the size of the group being taught and whether or not instrument hire is required. Eligible children can receive support from school to meet these costs if necessary. Currently we have peripatetic tutors for violin, woodwind, guitar and keyboard. If desired, other instrumental lessons may be available by arrangement with the music service.

Additionally, the Music Service runs a selection of locally-based youth and training choirs and ensembles which can be accessed by children with a particular interest.

Within school throughout the year there are some music related afterschool clubs. Clubs run half-termly and usually involve a small charge. There are also opportunities for informal practice sessions during lunchtimes for children learning instruments. KS2 children interested in singing can join the school choir to participate in a variety of seasonal community performances and concerts.

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.

Throughout the year there are opportunities for all children to take part in or watch musical performances, These include:-

- Christmas Carol Concerts at the local church for all upper KS2 children.
- Nativity Play Musical performances in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 and Years 3 & 4.
- Choir performances at school community events and concert organised by the local music service.
- School harvest festival/ Easter assemblies in which classes perform for each other.
- End of year show performed by Year 6

In addition, there are occasional instrumental demonstrations by members of the local music service.

In the future

Future aspirations for music at Captain Cook Primary include:

- To potentially increase timetabled curriculum music opportunities – the national plan for music recommends one hour weekly for children in KS1 and 2.
- To achieve a higher profile for a school vocal ensemble and extend opportunities to rehearse and perform.
- Providing space and time for children learning instruments to practice and play together, with the possibility of forming a school band.