



The Intent, Implementation and Impact of our Music Curriculum

Intent

At Dearham Primary School we want our music lessons to first and foremost help children to feel that they are musical, and want to equip them with the skills and knowledge to develop a life-long love of music. We want children to develop the skills, knowledge and understanding to become confident performers, composers and listeners. Our curriculum introduces children to music from all around the world and across generations, children are surrounded with music from all traditions and communities and taught to respect the differences.

Our curriculum which is supported by Kapow Primary Music enables pupils to meet the end of key stage targets outlined in the national curriculum.

Our aims of Music at Dearham Primary School:

- Develop musical skills of singing, playing tuned and untuned instruments, improvising and composing music, and listening and responding to music.
- Allow for opportunities to compare historical and cultural context and changes.
- To build transferable skills such as team-work, leadership, creative thinking, problem-solving, decision-making and performance skills.
- To provide a high-quality Music curriculum that inspires all pupils to apply skills and knowledge in their lives beyond Dearham Primary School.
- Allow time for reflection and analysis of their own performance.

Implementation

At Dearham Primary School we have focused in particular, on ensuring that our Music curriculum is progressive for all children. All staff have access and use Kapow Music scheme to inform their planning. Dearham School's curriculum has a holistic approach to music. The strands of performing, listening, composing, history of music and inter-related dimensions of music are all brought together to create engaging and enriching learning experiences. Each unit combines the 5 strands and where possible units are linked with learning in other subjects, units build, embed and capture pupil's imagination and encourage them to explore music enthusiastically. During their time at Dearham Primary School children will be taught how to sing fluently and expressively, play tuned and untuned instruments, recognise and name interrelated dimensions of music (pitch, duration, tempo, timbre, structure, texture and dynamics).

Each Year group teaches one lesson of music per week.

Our spiral based progressive curriculum allows for teachers to be clear of end goals, build on what has been taught previously and ensure complete coverage of the curriculum.

We measure impact through:

- A video recording at the start and end of each unit.
- Teacher assessment/ Performances
- Oral feedback

Observation of teaching and learning show:

- Teachers require training in delivery of music lessons.
- Children in upper KS2 have good opportunities of afterschool clubs and performance opportunities.
- Children are eager to participate in performances.