



Music

Intent

At Westfields Infant School, we want children to develop the knowledge, skills and competencies to access the next stage in their learning. In addition to this, we actively encourage and motivate the children to develop positive attitudes, skills and habits so that they are well equipped for the future.

At Westfields Infant School, we aim to make music enjoyable for all children. We give them the opportunity to perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians. They will learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others. The children will learn about pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.

At Westfields Infant School, we inspire our children through the music curriculum, which we have developed based on the [Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage](#) where musical knowledge and skills are evident through 'Being Imaginative and Creative' in Expressive Art & Design and the [National Curriculum for Music](#).

The National Curriculum for Music aims to ensure that all pupils:

- use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes;
- play tuned and untuned instruments musically;
- listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music;
- experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music.

Implementation

The music curriculum ensures children sing, listen, play, perform and evaluate. This is embedded in the classroom through the structured music programme Charanga which ensures children within each year group experiences the same musical experiences and concepts in their music lessons and that they progress as the children move through the school.

From Reception through to Key Stage 1, the elements of music are taught in the classroom lessons so that children are able to use some of the language of music to dissect it, and understand how it is made, played, appreciated and analysed. In the classroom, children learn key aspects of music through cross-curricular links. Using the extensive range of musical instruments within the school, they also learn how to compose, focusing on different dimensions of music, which in turn feeds their understanding when listening, playing or analysing music. Composing and performing using body percussion and vocal sounds is also part of the curriculum which develops the understanding of musical elements.

Children at Westfields Infant School also participate in a weekly singing assembly where they learn a variety of seasonal and age appropriate songs. Each week, children are introduced to

music from various composers and genres through our 'Music of the Week'. There are various opportunities for children to experience singing and performing such as class songs, home time songs, class assemblies and whole year group performances in which they learn suitable songs. The school has a choir open to Key Stage 1 children who perform at various events during the year including the opening of fayres and the local Christmas Market.

Impact

The impact of our music learning can be seen during learning walks, during performances and by speaking to the children themselves. We measure the impact regularly through:

- Whole class and verbal feedback
- Recapping prior learning at the beginning of each lesson and plenary activities
- Teacher assessment, self-assessment and peer assessment of learning
- Completion of the Music Foundation Subject Assessment document at the end of each unit, identifying children not achieving expected standard and those exceeding
- Subject monitoring e.g. pupil conferencing and planning monitoring

By the time our children leave Westfields Infant School, they will have developed a confidence as performers, composers and listeners and will be able to express themselves musically at and beyond school. Children at Westfields Infant School will have developed a growing musical vocabulary that allows them to begin to analyse music and understand its parts. They will show an appreciation and respect for a wide range of musical genres and styles from around the world. They will demonstrate and articulate an enthusiasm for music and be able to identify their own musical preferences.