

MUSIC



Our Intent Statement:

At Great Finborough Church Primary School, the arts is a key driver throughout the school. Through the music curriculum it is our intent to provide our children with the opportunities to develop their musical potential and skills.

In addition to the taught music curriculum lessons, we aim to enhance the experiences of our children in music through opportunities in our daily school life, learning to play musical instruments, external workshops, participation in community music events and with the opportunity to perform and show case their skills and talents in our annual school production.

We aim to nurture and encourage musical development in all our children.

Our Implementation Statement:

Our children participate in a weekly music lesson delivered by our Music Subject Leader. Musical skills, knowledge and talents are developed through the structured scheme of Music Express which is underpinned by the requirements of the National Curriculum. This is complimented and supported by the online music scheme called Charanga.

Through these progressive and structured schemes children develop an understanding of the inter-related dimensions and key elements of music across a wide variety of genres and music from different historical periods of time, traditions and cultures. They learn to compose, perform and evaluate their own music and music of others including the works of a wide variety of great composers and musicians.

Our music curriculum from the word go encourages and develops the playing of tuned and un-tuned percussion instruments. From Year 6 the children further their ability to play an instrument and read musical notation through learning the glockenspiel.

Using our voice as an instrument, we develop singing through our whole school weekly collective worship gatherings where singing is an important part of our worship. Our children enjoy learning songs related to national charity events that we support. From time to time we link with a local choral society and the Salvation Army to sing publicly with other singers and musicians at a variety of venues. Links with our own village community are important opportunities to perform and bring pleasure to those members of the local Churches and Finborough Court Nursing home.

To enrich the experiences of our children in music they participate in termly practical music workshops through an organisation called Primary Workshops who aims to inspire children's imagination through art and culture.

Annually the children of key-stage 2 are enthused and excited to be part of our whole school production. This provides our children with the opportunity to showcase their performing arts talents. It fosters and develops a greater level of confidence and self-esteem in our children as they perform on stage to family, friends and members of the wider school community.

We assess the progress and attainment of our children throughout music lessons and wider opportunities and experiences- particularly focusing on their knowledge and ability to apply the inter-related dimensions of music. This informs our discussions and reporting to parents and carers.

Impact Statement:

By the time our children leave Great Finborough Church Primary School, ready to embrace the next stage in their learning, our children will have developed and applied their knowledge and skills in:

The key elements of music (pulse, rhythm, tempo, dynamics, timbre, duration, structure, texture and pitch).

They will have experienced composing and performing their own music using body, tuned and un-tuned percussion instruments and writing their own musical scores progressing from graphic and picture scores to staff notation.

Our children will have performed, listened to, reviewed and evaluated music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles, traditions and cultures, including the works of great composers and musicians.

Through learning to play the glockenspiel, our children will have experienced learning to play a musical instrument, applying and developing their knowledge of key elements of music, progressing in the reading of staff notation and rehearsing and playing as part of an ensemble.

Through the use of their voices as an instrument our children will be able to create, compose and perform music on their own, part of a group and as part of the whole school community. They will have had the opportunity to sing collectively to others in the life of the school and the wider community.

Musical workshops will have provided the children with the experience to develop new skills of playing instruments from different cultures in sessions led by a number of skilled musicians.

Participation in the school production in key-stage will have enabled our pupils to develop their performing art skills and talents to a wide ranging audience. The children will have experienced auditions, the commitment to learning of scripts and songs, the skills of performing on stage to a diverse audience accompanied by live musicians. They will have grown in confidence and self-esteem.

Additional learning through individual private peripatetic music lessons is offered during school time. These provide instrumental and vocal training at all levels. For children in receipt of Pupil Premium this is funded by the school, for all others the cost is covered by the parents.

Ultimately, our children will have developed a passion for music and a belief that it is a subject that can be enjoyed by everyone.