

Music development plan summary: Berrow Primary Church Academy



Overview

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| Name of the school music lead | Edward Purchase |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | Charlotte Bradley |
| Name of local music hub | Somerset Music |
| Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place) | / |

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

This is about what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

At Berrow Primary Church Academy, we use Kapow to support our teaching of the music curriculum.

Kapow's music scheme of work enables pupils to meet the end of key stage attainment targets outlined in the national curriculum and the aims of the scheme align with those in the national curriculum.

Music lessons ensure progression of knowledge and skills throughout the primary journey and focus on the individual strands of performing, listening, composing, the history of music and the inter-related dimensions of music. Lessons also include a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions.

Children take part in what equates to 20 hours a year, either weekly, fortnightly or in small teaching blocks. Additional music experiences and activities are outlined below. (See Musical experiences and events).

Year 2 will receive 10 lessons of Recorders, Year 3 will receive 10 lessons of ukulele and Year 5 will receive 10 lessons of drumming procession. These lessons are provided by Somerset Music. An alternative instrument will be selected if recorders, ukuleles or djembe drums are not available.

Adaptations are made within each music lesson to ensure all SEND pupils can access the learning.

Berrow receives support and guidance from Somerset Music with regards to music provision. We also work closely with other schools within the TPLT, including a local secondary school who have provided us with staff training and performance opportunities. Children can observe secondary aged pupils enjoying and performing music during local events.

Part B: Extra-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.

At Berrow, children are given the opportunity to take extra-curricular lessons in singing, clarinet, piano and ukulele/guitar. These lessons are booked by parents directly.

School will support and fund disadvantaged learners to learn a musical instrument.

There is also a KS2 choir which currently takes place at lunchtimes/ after school. Our choir actively participates in events held at our local church . In addition to this, they also attend events such as the Christmas Light Switch On, Well Cathedral, Somerset Highbridge Arts Festival, Charity events etc.

At Berrow, we offer a weekly performing arts after school club. This group involves children singing , dancing and acting. They perform to parents and carers and stage a performance at the local theatre. This club is charged. School support and fund disadvantaged learners to attend.

Somerset Music advise us of any other local extra-curricular music opportunities and these are shared with the school community.

Part C: Musical experiences and events

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.

Children take part in a 20 minute singing worship each week where they have the opportunity to watch and discuss a variety of instruments being used online then learn and perform a range of songs together. All year groups also rehearse and perform a Family worship throughout the year which includes a singing element. Foundation stage and KS1 perform a range of songs in their Nativity performance and Year 6 take part in a leaver's production. As a school, we take part in an annual Christmas, Harvest and Easter services where all children participate in performance. All productions are shared with the rest of the school.

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Years 1 and 2 attend a yearly singing festival.

KS2 also attend a yearly singing festival organised by Trust Music leads where they join other local schools to take part in singing and performing. This includes use of a live band and a focus on vocal and physical warm ups.

Our school choir also takes part in the Highbridge and Burnham Performing Arts Festival along with other children across the school.

Our school choir attends many different local events e.g. local residential homes, carnivals and festivals.

We also celebrate World Music Day each year where the whole school take part in music related events.

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

We aim to increase the uptake of additional private music lessons throughout the school.

We hope to increase the school choirs appearances and performance opportunities.

We aim to improve the quality of music lessons delivered in school to ensure every child receives a great education.

Further information (optional)