



Music Subject Intent

Why do we study Music at Featherstone All Saints?

At Featherstone All Saints, we are guided by both the National Curriculum for Music (2014) and the Model Music Curriculum (2021).

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

- 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;
- Learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence;
- Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.

The aim of the MMC is to ensure a universal provision of music education, for all pupils in all schools. In time and resources, this provision is as follows:

- At Key Stages 1 and 2, pupils should receive a minimum of one hour of teaching a week; this may take the form of short sessions spread across the week.
- In Years 3 or 4, it is recommended that each class should start a whole- class instrumental programme lasting a minimum of one term. The mandatory term will be supported by teachers from the local Music Education Hub. Opportunities for development should continue beyond the mandatory term.
- There should be access to both rhythmic and melodic instruments in Key Stages 1 and 2; this may be as part of the whole-class instrumental programme and/or in other classroom teaching.

Our intent is that our teaching of Music, through a practical curriculum and engaging lessons, will help pupils develop a love for music across a wide range of genres, to inspire exploration and composition to enable eventual skills of critical engagement. We aim to develop strong listening skills which can then be used across the wider curriculum. Through the teaching of music, we aim to increase children's self-confidence, the ability to work cooperatively as part



of a team and give them a sense of achievement. Music is all around us. It is the soundtrack to our lives and connects us through people and places in our ever- changing world. We our hope that our children to benefit from the gifts it can bring to us all.

To meet these objectives, children are taught by a combination of musical specialists in order to benefit from their expertise and their class teacher. Children in Key Stage One have weekly music lessons. Children in Key Stage Two have an extended one hour music lesson every week for one half term out of two. The Model Music Curriculum recommends that all pupils receive a minimum of one hour's music a week. All children attend a 30 minute singing worship which includes the teaching of singing technique and part singing along with their class music lesson. Key Stage 2 pupils also have an additional listening task once a week during the half term they are not having class lessons by the specialist teacher.

Each lesson across school will follow the following structure:

- Singing
- Listening task
- Main activity – Composing/ Performing/ Musicianship

We pride ourselves on how well our pupils can sing. Our weekly whole school singing worship includes fun warm-ups, high energy singing, singing in harmony and part songs. Children can access extra-curricular musical participation opportunities such as choir, music club and singing in the local community. All children gain experience through their time at school of performing to wider audiences through concerts and collective worship performances. Children in Year 6 are given the opportunity to take part in Young Voices at Sheffield Arena and every pupil in school takes part in an annual singing competition.

There are also many opportunities for children to receive private instrumental lessons in school, taught by specialist music teachers. Take up of this is high. Children are able to showcase their talents at our annual music concert for parents and carers.

The sheer joy of music making can feed the soul of a school community, enriching each student while strengthening the shared bonds of support and trust which make a great school. For this reason, we work closely with Wakefield Hospice and perform at their Christmas concert, their Fundraisers' Christmas party and share videos of singing on their website. We encourage our families to join in when attending our concerts and services, we welcome local musicians to perform at our Annual Carnival alongside our children and we work with the local Music Education Hub to provide opportunities to listen to professional musicians perform.