

Music development plan summary: St Oswald's Wrekenton

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Date this summary will be reviewed	Autumn term 2024
Name of the school music lead	Rachael Agar
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Gateshead music hub
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.

Music is taught weekly by class teacher or specialist teacher from Gateshead music hub. Each weekly lesson will last for 45 minutes to one hour. In the overall music curriculum, there is a listening curriculum. Each year group has three songs of different genres that the children will listen to and learn more about throughout the academic year. This exposes children to music they may otherwise not listen to. In the last academic year, the children in our school each performed a song as a class from our listening curriculum and researched the song in more detail. Our school has a specialist teacher who works with each year group at different points of the school year on different instruments. We also follow Kapow and BBC Ten Pieces. Children can join a guitar club with specialist teacher on a lunchtime. The specialist teacher teaches the children how to play the recorder, ukulele and guitar. Children in Year 3 and 5 took part in the Big Sing at The Glasshouse in the last academic year.

Part B: Co-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.

There is an after-school choir set up lead by the music lead where the children can learn and perform songs. The choir group is one hour afterschool, and the children pay £1 to attend. The choir has performed in celebration assemblies and will perform in other settings in the future. Children rehearse in the classroom currently; however, there is access to a stage that could be used for future performances.

Weekly hymn practice is a good way to bring all the children together to sing. These songs are performed at Mass in church.

Children can learn how to play guitar and ukulele free of charge with tuition from a specialist teacher from Gateshead music services. Our school has a good relationship with Gateshead music hub and more CPD will be on offer for the music lead in the next autumn term including how to teach as a specialist in music.

Part C: Musical experiences

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.

The children will have lots of opportunities to perform and sing next academic year. Children will sing in assembly, hymn practices, Mass, in class and some children in our choir. In RE, we use the John Burland CDs with lots of songs that the children can learn and perform which tie into our current topic. At Christmas time, the children will all take part in a Key Stage nativity where they will sing songs from a play that they have to learn from scratch. All of the children From Y1-Y6 attend a pantomime during the Christmas period. The children in lower key stage 2 will attend the Big Sing at The Glasshouse again and all children will listen to and sing the songs on their listening curriculum. In the summer term, the Year 6 children will perform leavers' play with songs they will have to learn. The choir group will leave the school premises to perform in care homes.

In the future

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

- To give students more space to rehearse, the school library could be used as a music room where the children can sing louder as it is detached from our school building.
- Lesson times will be stretched to one hour each week.
- Continue the school choir and set up a music ambassador program with the help from Gateshead music hub to support the children in music.
- Continue to research music and look deeper into the composition of the sound and lyrics.
- Subject leader to take part in relevant CPD to help tailor the music curriculum to the students in our school.

Further information (optional)

Music lead may change in summer term 2025 due to maternity.