

Music development plan summary: Mowmacre Hill Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025/26
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Name of the school music lead	Sheree Macdonald
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Isaac Howarth
Name of local music hub	Leicestershire Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Leicester Cathedral

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas: curricular music, extra-curricular provision and musical experiences. This summary also includes 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

The school uses the Primary Leicestershire Music Scheme of Work to teach music. Pupils in Year 1-6 participate in weekly singing assemblies and receive 18 hours of taught music lessons across the academic year, delivered in weekly 30-minute lessons. Children also participate in 2 hours of celebratory musical events. These are delivered in line with our accessibility plan, to ensure that our pupils with SEND are well supported to access the full music curriculum.

- Our school music curriculum is based on the Leicestershire Music Hub scheme of work, which is informed by the model music curriculum, non-statutory guidance for teaching music.
- Pupils have the opportunity to learn to sing through singing assemblies and have access to a wide variety of musical genres including 20th century music.
- Pupils have the opportunity to master an instrument learning turntablism

- Pupils in Years 3 and 4 receive vocal teaching as a whole-class ensemble teaching through DioSing with the opportunity to sing a wide variety of songs and perform these at the end of the year in Leicester Cathedral.
- Our school works in close partnership with Leicestershire Music. We have contributed to the development of mixed-year group unit planning and taken part in network meetings alongside a range of Leicestershire schools using the same scheme.

Through Leicestershire Music, pupils have the opportunity to explore and play a variety of pitched and unpitched instruments, as well as develop their vocal skills within lessons.

Our music curriculum is carefully sequenced to build on prior knowledge and understanding across year groups and key stages. This progression prepares pupils for secondary school music lessons and nurtures a lifelong love of music.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

We are exploring way to further develop our extra-curricular music offer, particularly developing the use of technology to create and produce digital music.

As a school serving many families from low-income backgrounds and with a high percentage of pupils eligible for Pupil Premium, we are committed to continuing to develop our extra-curricular offer at Mowmacre Hill. Our aim is to provide accessible opportunities by introducing low-cost clubs that can be run by teachers.

Part C: Musical experiences

Our weekly singing assemblies focus on preparing for seasonal performances for parents and the wider community, including our annual carol concert. Pupils also develop skills such as singing in rounds, supported by pre-recorded music tracks.

Pupils have the following opportunities to perform in concerts throughout their time at our school:

- F1 Musical Nativity (December)
- F2 – Year 6 Christmas carols performance (Autumn Term)
- Year 3: DioSing Cathedral Performance (July)
- Year 5: Leicestershire Music Singing Collaborative Performance (April) -
- Year 6 Leavers' Performance (July)
- Year 6 End of Year Production (July)

In the future

To strengthen our music provision, the school development plan for 2025/26 includes the following objectives:

- Provide children with further experiences of hearing live music being performed
- Increase our offer of extra-curricular clubs linked to creation of digital music through 1:1 devices in KS2