

Music development plan summary: St Mary's R.C. Primary

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
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Name of the school music lead	Chelsea Moore
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Bury Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rocksteady Music School.

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 St. Mary's RC Primary School, we use the structure of Kapow Primary to deliver a scheme of work which fulfils the statutory requirements for music outlined in the National Curriculum (2014) and follows the principles outlined in the non-statutory Ofsted Research review series: Music and HM Government's National Plan for Music which explains how to build on the Department for Education's Model Music Curriculum (2021) to deliver high quality music in schools.

Time is allocated for 1 music lesson per week, each unit is made up of 5 lessons. We have implemented an Instrumental scheme which is a progressive scheme of 6 units (30 lessons each academic year) and accompanying teacher videos. Each unit of lessons focuses on music from a different part of the world and features a bespoke piece of music composed specifically for the scheme and includes sheet music, performance and backing tracks. The lessons are written for tuned percussion

instruments because: they are accessible for non-specialists to teach and are effective for learning notation because the note names are written on the bars and are already available in many schools. In addition, the Ofsted music 2023 review highlights that 'shallow experiences' with too many instruments doesn't provide pupils with enough technical ability to play expressively - our instrumental scheme streamlines the focus to allow technique to develop and therefore for pupils to begin to play with expression on one instrument.

There are opportunities throughout the scheme for whole-class ensembles and performance through our instrumental scheme.

We have recently identified that there should be more opportunities for children to perform in our school and partnered up with Rocksteady Music School. Rocksteady is the leading provider of in-school band lessons for primary age children. This runs in addition to our current music scheme. They provide an inclusive approach which helps children to find a sense of belonging through developing new friendships, a shared love for music whilst boosting social skills, well-being, and confidence all through practice and performance. Children experience a live musical performance from Rocksteady where they are encouraged to sign up to take part, they then join a band and play instruments of their choosing. The bands perform for the whole school and parents at various intervals throughout the 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.

At St. Mary's RC Primary School we try to give pupils the opportunity to not only learn about music in lesson time, but to broaden their opportunities including lessons and extracurricular activities outside of learning time.

Through our partnership with Bury Music Service, the children have the option to take part in instrument lessons with one of the teachers from the service. These lessons range from 1-1 and small group tuition. Currently, children from key stage 2 have the option to take part in guitar, flute, and recorder lessons outside of lesson time. This is funded by their parents if they wish for them to take part in these lessons. Bury Music service also offer a free whole class instrument lesson to both year 3 classes where they have a 30 minute lesson each week playing the ukulele. Ukulele's are provided by the school and are free to access.

At St. Mary's we have a school choir that all children from year 4-6 can join. We practice once a week for 45 minutes. This is a free afterschool club with lots of performing opportunities in the local area and at school. We have partnered up with the local care home where the choir have had the chance to perform for the residents. This

year the children of the choir also hosted an evening performance for parents where they sang and offered refreshments.

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.

Bury Music service are continuing to offer their support for children learning instruments outside of lesson time in school this year. We are planning to allow the children to showcase their talents in the form of an assembly.

Big Sing Assembly (links to MFL- Languages week): This is a whole school opportunity for each class to perform a song from a different country to celebrate music through languages. Each class spends time learning the song through a new language and then they are given the opportunity to perform to the other classes.

We have a weekly hymn practice in which all children from Key Stages 1 and 2 attend and participate and music plays an important role in all assemblies where the children get to both listen to music and sing.

The school choir will continue to strengthen their relationship with Rose Court care home by regularly visiting and singing to the residents.

Rocksteady Music School: An outside provider which offers the opportunity for children to be in a band, they have regularly weekly practices during school time and several opportunities to showcase their performances to both parents and the whole school.

In the future

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

At St. Mary's we are currently implementing a new music scheme through Kapow. 2024-25 Plans for development include:

- To ensure that all staff are using KAPOW to teach and assess music effectively.
- To continue to ensure that there are wider opportunities for music to be implemented across the whole school and outside of school and outside of lesson time.
- To ensure that subject leader has relevant CPD to help all staff to deliver the music curriculum most effectively.

I plan to achieve the above through pupil and staff voice, school instrument audits, CPD and relevant CPD for all staff.

In the future, there will be more opportunities for whole school musical performances. Whether this be from children who are learning an instrument or whole class singing opportunities. These will be planned for termly.

Useful Links:

Bury Music Service (provide in school lessons out of lesson time for various instruments)

<https://burymusic.co.uk/>