

Music development plan summary: St Teresa's Catholic Primary School



Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Helen Golding
Name of local music hub	Greater Manchester Music Hub

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

At St Teresa's, it is our intent that our Music curriculum engages and inspires pupils to develop a love of music and their talents as musicians. As pupils progress, they should develop a critical engagement with music from a wide range of traditions, places and historical periods, allowing them to compose, practise and perform – increasing their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement. Music is taught each week across the school from Reception to Year 6. All pupils, including those in our Resource Provision (Woodlands) benefit from a music specialist, Mr James, who works with us every Monday. The lessons are carefully planned to ensure full coverage of the national curriculum and a considered balance of listening, composing and performing. The children enjoy learning a range of untuned percussion and tuned instruments including steel pan drums, ukeleles and boom whackers. The children develop a more 'critical ear' as they develop their understanding of the elements of music. Please see the progression document and the rolling programme, both uploaded to the 'Music' section of our website.

Standards in music are monitored by our Music Subject Lead and reported to Senior Leaders and Governors twice a year. The subject lead has an action plan, linked to the School Development plan that drives continuous improvement.

Singing is very much at the heart of our curriculum. Everybody sings at ST Teresa's – and we do so with great joy. In addition to weekly music lessons, the children also enjoy singing assembly where new hymns and other songs are taught and rehearsed to performance level. Our repertoire includes music from other cultures and singing in rounds and with ostinatos. The infants have a regular singing session on a Friday afternoon; it is our favourite time of the week! Singing is also interwoven throughout curriculum, notably maths and French. It enhances topic work, helps children learn key facts and is the heart of our collective worships and celebrations.

At the end of the year, the children will showcase their music work to demonstrate their progress and achievement – and perform for an audience!

Part B: Extra-curricular music

St Teresa's offers a variety of extra-curricular music activities including participation in the school choir, Infant nativity, carol concerts, Music Festival and performing in assemblies and our local community. These activities provide students with opportunities to further develop their musical talents outside the regular curriculum.

This year, key events will include:

- Masses to celebrate special days for example Holy Days of Obligation
- Infant Christmas Carol Singing at Little Lever Library
- KS2 carol singing at Tesco
- Infant Nativity performances
- Class assemblies
- Performance in Bolton School's Music Festival
- Singing for the residents of Lever Gardens
- Sample music lesson at partner high school
- Festival of Joy through our Trust

We also celebrate any additional musical experiences our children have, including instrument lessons, giving opportunities to share their new skills and encourage others during assemblies.

Part C: Musical experiences

St Teresa's aims to provide a rich array of musical experiences for its students, including opportunities to perform for large audiences. Each year, we aim for all students to experience live music at school from different cultures. This year, Mr James and his band will perform a 'Back to the Future' music through the decades live experience. We also have invited a local Bangra band to perform for us in addition to the annual pantomime. Every year, we also take Years 3,4 and 5 to the Bridgewater Hall to experience the wonderful Halle orchestra live in a performance created for children. Most experiences are provided free of charge (supplemented by the School Support Group) to enable all children to take part a variety of musical experiences. Where we do ask for donations, the school will always supplement to ensure that all children can take part.

Music lessons are taught by a music specialist employed by the school.

In the future

Top further improve our music offer, this year we will aim to include:

CURRICULUM MUSIC

- Continue to share the progress and achievement of our young people through newsletters, social media and with live performances
- Continue to invest time and a significant proportion of finance to curricular music.

EXTRA CURRICULAR MUSIC

- Better advertise opportunities beyond school eg local choirs and musical ensembles through Bolton Music service etc

MUSICAL EXPERIENCES

- Continue to explore as many opportunities for live music as possible through links with the community