

Music development plan summary: Ravenscroft Community Primary]



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Nicky Cochrane
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Knowsley 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.

In line with our Sing Up Music Curriculum, we aim for every child to have access to high-quality, practical and engaging musical experiences. We want all children to develop the self-confidence, skills, knowledge and understanding to develop a life-long love of music, whilst also providing a secure foundation that enables them to take music further should they wish to.

The Sing Up curriculum is designed and written by subject specialists and the units represent a complete progressive library of resources that meet the requirements of the National Curriculum for Music, the suggested approaches of the Model Music Curriculum as well as the Statutory Framework for Early Years Foundation Stage. Sing Up draws on a broad range of musical traditions, using authentic songs and materials. We are proud to be a Platinum Sing Up School.

Sing Up Music is based on the premise of every child throughout the school taking part in a music lesson every week. There is a scheme of work for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 through to Year 6. Sing Up Music lessons are well-structured and also include songs and games that can be played at other times throughout the week, for example, when children are lining up for lunch, team building and tidying up times.

Our Music lessons cover a broad and diverse range of repertoire, approaches and musical traditions. Each year group is allocated a variety of composers to study throughout the year. Sing Up Music supports a fully-integrated approach to musical development, connecting the interrelated strands of singing, playing, improvising, composing, listening and appraising.

The collection of evidence to demonstrate pupil's progress is written into each year group's units of work for Reception and all KS1 and KS2 children. A progression snapshot activity occurs within a unit at three points during the year – Autumn, Spring and Summer Term. This activity involves the collecting of video evidence to pass onto the Music Lead.

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.

KS1 and 2 children have timetabled Singing Assemblies every week as well as planned performances throughout the year (e.g. Harvest, Christmas and our annual Sing Up School Assemblies).

We have a KS1 Singing Club as well as a KS2 Choir – all children are able to join and these clubs are offered during school hours (e.g. lunchtimes). Children can earn singing stickers in KS1 and different coloured badges each year if they join the KS2 choir. Our choir perform in the local community at Christmas - alongside other local schools - as well as any other opportunities that arise.

When children reach Year 4, they are able to take part in a full year of Wider Opportunities or instrumental music lessons that are taught by music specialists. This means that by the time children have left Ravenscroft, they have all had the opportunity to learn to play an instrument. Some children are then selected to continue with this provision throughout Year 5 and 6. These groups of children also perform in an annual concert at the end of each year. Individual lessons will be offered if the opportunities arise.

All children are provided with their own instrument from the local music hub and are able to take these home to practise. All instrumental or singing lessons and clubs are free to parents.

Children and parents are made aware of any other local choirs or vocal ensembles, as well as instrumental ensembles, bands and groups, and other forms of music-making within the community, via our website, newsletters and twitter page. Our local music hub in Knowsley regularly updates us and informs us of any offers.

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.

Musical experiences for this academic year will include:

- Weekly singing assemblies for KS1 and 2 children
- Opportunity for all KS1 and 2 children to join the singing club in KS1 or the KS2 choir – both are lunchtime clubs that are held on a weekly basis

➤ **Harvest, Christmas and annual Sing Up performances**

Harvest – whole school

Christmas – EYFS nativity, KS1 play and KS2 Christmas singing performance

In KS1, Year 2 children take the acting roles and the whole of KS1 children perform the songs.

In KS2, soloists are chosen from each year group, there will be a performance from the choir as well as all other children joining in with all other songs.

KS2 choir will perform at the local community centre, along with other local schools, at Christmas time.

Annual Sing Up will be in March:

- **EYFS** – own Sing Up performance based on songs learned as part of their music curriculum – March

KS1 and 2 Sing Up Performance – each year we have a theme which is set in January and each class learns and performs their own song. We will also sing two whole school songs as well as performances from KS1 singing club and KS2 choir.

All parents, carers and family members are invited and all performances are free.

- **Year 6 End of Year Performance** – this has always been and will be a full production that is purchased by the school. It will include acting, singing and dancing. The title of the production will be decided in January each year and all of Year 6 will take part. Families of Year 6 children will be invited to watch the production and this will be free to all.
- **Year 5 visit to pantomime** – Our Year 5 children will be invited (each year) to the local high school to watch their annual pantomime.
- **Instrumental Groups** – All children who have learned an instrument (Y4-6) will perform in a concert in July. Parents and families of these children will be invited and this will be free of charge.
- **Year 4 instrumental group** – children will be invited to perform at the local high school in July. All primary and secondary schools in the area are invited and this is organised by Knowsley Music Hub. Children will perform their own class or group pieces on their instruments as well as learning and performing the set songs that all schools will perform collectively.

In the future

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

To source more individuals, groups or ensembles to visit and perform for the children.

To look at ways for children to attend and perform in the Young Voices concerts or any other local large-scale events.

To access any online webinars, concerts or lessons that are presented to us by the local music hub.