

Music development plan summary: Cumberworth First School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Clare Hobson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Musica Kirklees
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.

At Cumberworth, we intend to deliver a high-quality music curriculum that enables every pupil to become a confident musician by the time they leave us in year 5. We aim to inspire creativity and self-expression and to encourage our children on their musical journeys. We hope to foster a lifelong love and passion for music by exposing them to diverse musical experiences. By listening and responding to different musical styles, finding their voices as singers and performers and as composers, we aim to enable them to become confident, reflective musicians. We also acknowledge how this subject plays a vital role in other key areas such as listening skills, reading, counting, memory, mental health and well-being, confidence, respect, discipline and performance. As a result of our music curriculum offer, we aim for our children's self-confidence and sense of achievement to grow over their time in school.

Our curriculum aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Can sing and use their voices individually and in a group
- Create and compose music on their own and with others

- Have opportunities to learn a musical instrument
- Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated
- Listen to, review and evaluate the work of great composers and musicians from a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions
- Enjoy and have an appreciation of a range of different musical styles e.g. Classical, Jazz, Hip Hop, Pop, Rock etc.
- Use and understand musical language and include musical features in their own work
- Make judgements about the quality of music
- Have opportunities to play a wide variety of instruments
- Have different opportunities to take part in performances

The impact and measure of our curriculum is to ensure that all children have had opportunities to forge their own musical journey, which allows them to discover areas of strength, as well as areas they might like to improve upon. We want to ensure that children have had the opportunity to listen to a range of musical genres which they may not have had contact with on an everyday basis and that music will also have developed the child's understanding of culture and history. We want children to enjoy music, in as many ways as they choose - either as listener, creator or performer.

At Cumberworth, our music curriculum is built on three key musical concepts that we focus on through our skills progression:

- Improvise and Compose
- Perform: Sing and Play
- Listen and Appraise

Our curriculum is taken from 'Sing Up Music' and is aligned to the New Model Curriculum for Music and ensures that there is clear and sequenced progression which allows all pupils to acquire the intended knowledge and skills. 'Sing Up Music' is based on the premise of every child throughout the school taking part in a music lesson every week. Each class's music lesson is delivered by either their class teacher or our HLTA as part of PPA cover. 'Sing Up Music' lessons are structured on the basis of the most commonly found lesson timings based on consultation with teachers. The lengths of lessons in Sing Up Music units are as follows:

- 30 minutes per lesson for Early Years.
- 40 minutes per lesson for KS1.
- 50 minutes per lesson for KS2.

As regular practice is an important factor in the success of any musical learning, all Sing Up Music units contain songs and games that can be played at other times in the week.

Our music curriculum will allow our pupils over their time with us to learn musical skills through learning to play instruments including the voice, tuned and untuned percussion instruments. When in our oldest class (Year 4/5), our curriculum is based on the pupils spending a year learning to play either the recorder (in Cycle A) or percussion instruments (in Cycle B). Through learning how to play these instruments, our pupils learn how to read and write music and create their own compositions. They also learn about musical composers and the instruments of the orchestra. Our music lessons provide a variety of opportunities for children to expand their musical vocabulary, with vocabulary linked to the musical elements of pitch, duration, tempo, timbre, texture, dynamics and structure being progressively introduced, enabling children to discuss music with understanding and relevant vocabulary as well as developing their understanding of how the interrelated dimensions of music fit together. Within lessons,

children are given opportunities to work individually and together in groups, as a whole class and school, sharing the pleasure of making music, and performing with others.

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 Cumberworth, we offer a wealth of opportunities to build and enhance music skills and knowledge. Singing forms an important part of school life, in collective worship, in individual classes, and as part of performance opportunities.

Within our worship times, we often sing and we have one worship time each week where we focus on singing.

As a member of Musica Kirklees, children have access to one-to-one and small-group tuition for instruments or voice. Within school, we have several children who access these lessons within the school day. We currently have children who access lessons of violin, percussion, flute, trombone, piano, keyboard, guitar, ukulele and voice. Through Musica Kirklees, there are also opportunities to access choirs or vocal ensembles, as well as instrumental ensembles, bands and groups, and other forms of music-making outside of school time.

During the Autumn term, we offer a KS2 choir in preparation for taking part in Young Voices. This takes place at lunchtime and runs until the Young Voices performance in January/February. In the summer term, we will be offering a choir for KS1 which will take place at lunchtime.

In the spring term, we will be offering African drumming clubs to both KS1 and KS2 (one half term each) which will be delivered by Musica Kirklees.

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.

Our aim at Cumberworth is to provide a range of musical experiences for children to participate in during their time at our school. Alongside the singing and music opportunities provided with our curriculum and collective worship sessions, we provide several whole-school performance opportunities which all of the children participate in, including our harvest festival, a Christmas play and an Easter service. Year 5 also take part in a leavers' performance. Parents and the wider community are given the opportunity throughout the year to come and watch these performances.

Our KS2 pupils are also given the opportunity to take part in Young Voices, where they perform in an arena as part of a choir of up to 9,000 other young voices.

Our Year 5 pupils also have the opportunity to perform at the town hall as part of the Kirklees Musical Festival.

We also provide chances to listen to live music. We are visited by our local middle school, who will come and introduce us to different Musical instrument families, as well as Musica Kirklees who deliver recitals. We attend a pantomime each year and we have also previously invited groups and individuals to provide music workshops in school such as song writing workshops.

In the future

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

At Cumberworth, we will continue to keep our music provision growing and developing. This year, following a review of our curriculum, we will be focussing on embedding the newly adopted 'Sing Up' curriculum.

We are always looking to provide more opportunities for our pupils to experience live music and participate in music related clubs.

This year, we are also participating in the Cultural Champions programme and are aiming to focus on the Create and Sing element of this to further promote music within the school.