

Music development plan summary: South Lake Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Miss Sarah Feather
Name of local music hub	Berkshire Music Trust

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.

The school curriculum has been carefully designed to meet the needs of our children and to promote a love and appreciation for music. The curriculum has been informed by the National Curriculum and the Model Music Curriculum, and has been developed over a number of years to ensure clear progression. In line with expectations set out by the Department for Education, each class from Year 1-6 receives either 30 minutes per week or 1 hour per fortnight of curriculum music teaching. This is complemented by a 20-minute singing assembly per week, led by a music specialist. In the EYFS, music is taught predominantly through continuous provision, with regular opportunities for the children to learn about music together as a class.

The curriculum is divided into four key areas: Listening & Appraising, Singing, Playing instruments and Composing.

In this year's Music Development Plan, we aim to:

1. Implement Music Technology in the Year 5 & 6 curriculum;
2. Develop curriculum music lessons to include a variety of instruments;
3. Ensure consistent recording of children's work throughout the school.

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.

In partnership with Berkshire Music Trust, we offer instrumental tuition in the following instruments: violin, cello, piano and drums. Lessons vary from 1:1 to small groups and occur weekly with a specialist teacher. Bursaries are available for disadvantaged pupils. In addition to this, children are able to join a variety of music clubs, including Lower and Upper school choirs, Ukulele club and Music Technology club. Our choirs take part in a number of performances, including the Mayor's Christmas Carol Concert, the Junior Music Festival and the Addington Proms. In the summer term, we hold our annual Summer Showcase concert, which offers the opportunity for children to perform their instruments for an audience.

In Year 4, children learn either the violin or the cello with specialist teachers from Berkshire Music Trust. They are encouraged to practise their instruments at home, and this tuition culminates in a performance to their parents at the end of the year, with an option to continue lessons in Year 5 at a discounted rate.

In this year's Music Development Plan, we aim to:

1. Increase the variety of instruments offered in Berkshire Music Trust lessons;
2. Increase number of disadvantaged pupils taking part in Berkshire Music Trust lessons;
3. Trial Year 6 music leaders.

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.

We have a thriving calendar of musical experiences throughout each year:

Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Christmas performances: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nursery singing to parents• Reception singing in the woods• Year 1 nativity• Year 4 & 5 production	Junior Music Festival Year 2 & 3 production	Addington Proms Summer showcase concert Year 6 Leavers' production

In addition to this, children from Years 1-6 perform a song together every week in whole school assembly. Where possible, we invite performances from external

agencies such as Berkshire Music Trust's 'Listen Up' bands and local singer-songwriters.

In this year's Music Development Plan, we aim to:

- Plan and deliver a family music event;
- Invite local secondary school groups to perform in school;
- Revisit performances in the local area, such as at residential care homes.

In the future

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

In subsequent years, we aim to continue to develop partnerships with our local network of schools. Through our newly-formed academy trust and our role as Lead School for Music, we are in a unique position to share good practice and offer support to other schools.