

Music development plan summary: Saltford C of E Primary School

Overview

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

Our school follows the Futura Foundation Curriculum for Music, which utilises the Active Music scheme. The curriculum focusses on three areas each year: Rhythm, Pitch and Instrumental.

We make use of the Sing Up resource to engage children in singing popular songs as an ensemble. The overview for our Sing Up curriculum can be found on the music curriculum webpage.

Music is timetabled for 30 minutes each week in each class' weekly timetable. 20 minutes of the 30 minutes are focussed on practicing skills on Pitch, Rhythm or instruments using the Active Music scheme. The last 10 minutes of the lesson are focussed on Sing Up and singing together as an ensemble.

A further 30 minutes a week is given at the start of assemblies to listen to and appraise music. Music is chosen from the Model Music Curriculum and from a wide range of

genres, and the children are introduced to a different piece of music each week. The children are encouraged to appraise the music after listening to it.

Children have the opportunity throughout the music lessons to perform through either voice or using an instrument. They are encouraged to lead the class when playing different pieces of music.

Our curriculum music is also supplemented by visiting teachers to the school. This year, our year 4 classes have received ukulele tuition from an instrumental teacher from WEMA.

Part B: Extra-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.

Outside of lesson time, we offer:

Our two KS2 choirs (Y3/4, and Y5/6) are offered to pupils who wish to take part in an ensemble, working on singing and performance skills.

Our two recorder groups (Year 2, and Year 3/4), in which pupils learn to play songs on the recorder in an ensemble.

We have an annual KS2 instrumental concert at the end of each year to celebrate the work of the children who are taking instrumental/vocal lessons.

All of these during-school-time groups and ensembles are free of charge and are signed up for via MS Forms communicated to parents.

Two annual Harvest festivals (Foundation Stage/KS1 and KS2) where each year group performs a class number and the Key Stage sings hymns as a whole group.

Foundation Stage/KS1 Summer concert at the end of each academic year.

Annual Christmas concert performed by the children and singing takes place in the Christingle service.

Weekly singing assemblies where children are exposed to a range of hymns and songs in both Foundation Stage/KS1 and KS2.

Pupils are offered 1:1 instrumental or vocal tuition, paid for by their parents and delivered by WEMA (West of England Music Alliance) teachers. We have a dedicated music room on the school site where these lessons take place.

Our year 5 and 6 pupils take part in the Lighting of The Christmas event every year at our local church. They sing carols and other songs as part of the service.

A guitar club is offered after school to all pupils who wish to learn the instrument, regardless of instrumental tuition inside or outside of the school setting.

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.

In School

Each Key Stage takes part in a weekly singing assembly where a variety of songs are sung, from worship songs to secular works. The assemblies are also used to prepare the children for upcoming performances as a Key Stage/school, which are detailed below.

The children perform songs as a school during the Harvest festival each year, and have, in the past, performed songs on the theme of Harvest in their class groups.

Each year we host an EYFS/KS1 Christmas show, with different Christmas shows being chosen each year. The children are taught songs by their class teacher and together in assembly and perform them to their peers and parents over the course of three performances. There are opportunities for children to sing solo or as an ensemble, depending on the chosen show for that year.

We also host a KS2 Christmas concert each year. There have been several themes over the years, the most recent being '100 Years of Disney'. In previous years, each class has practiced and performed a class song based around the theme, with a few songs performed by the entire Key Stage which are practiced in assemblies. These are performed to EYFS/KS1 and parents over the course of three performances.

Performances by both the Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2 choirs take place at point throughout the year during assemblies. A range of songs are chosen by the choir leaders and these are performed to the rest of KS2 during their Thursday morning Key Stage assembly. These have included the use of backing tracks and live instruments.

The Year 2 and Year 3/4 recorder groups prepare throughout the year for a performance during an assembly in the summer term.

There is an annual EYFS/KS1 Summer concert.

Also in the summer term, there is an annual instrumental concert hosted at the school, where children who learn an instrument in school can take part and perform a piece of music to an audience. The concert is also open to children taking private tuition of their instrument. A variety of music is performed at the instrumental concert, and a range of instruments are played by the pupils.

School Trips

The Futura Learning Partnership has hosted the Futura Singing Festival at several schools. The festival sees a several schools come together to attend a workshop in singing from WEMA. The children also get the opportunity to perform a piece of music they have prepared and are given feedback by a professional singing teacher from WEMA.

Our year 5 and 6 pupils also took part in a singing festival hosted by the Golden Oldies charity. The children got to perform for their audience and perform with other choirs in the area.

In the future

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

In the next academic year, we plan to:

- Strengthen connections and involvement with local music groups to further enhance our music offer from September 2024.
- Enhance individual/small group music performance opportunities for pupils, ideally from September 2024.
- Offer workshops to KS1 classes through WEMA or local groups.
- Incorporate the use of sign language into singing to aid SEN engagement.