

Music development plan summary: River Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Elizabeth Sharps
Name of local music hub	Kent Music
Name of other music education organisations	Music Mark Sing Up

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.

To read in more detail about our music provision at River Primary School, please follow this link to our school curriculum: <https://www.river.kent.sch.uk/music/>

At River Primary School we take pride in our music education, with a designated subject lead guiding children through a carefully planned curriculum that is informed by the model music curriculum (2021) and is based on the CUSP music learning modules. Children from all years and classes, from EYFS to Year 6, have music every week in our designated music room, where there is access to a variety of instruments. In these lessons they have the opportunity to access music through listening and responding, composing, singing and playing instruments. Lessons are planned to be one hour, with half an hour for Early Years classes, and are taught by a music specialist. Our music lessons allow children to study a broad range of musical styles, from classical to

contemporary. Children have a weekly music assembly and, as a school, we celebrate the success of a variety of bands and artists through our 'Musician of the Month'.

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 River Primary School we offer a variety of instrumental peripatetic lessons in addition to classroom music teaching. This includes tuition on the piano, drums, cello, violin, ukulele, guitar, trumpet, clarinet, recorder, saxophone and flute. These lessons are paid for by parents and the payments are arranged directly with the instrumental teacher. The school is able to subsidise a number of instrumental lessons for individuals who qualify for pupil premium to make learning a new instrument more accessible.

Come and Sing club runs on Thursdays after school and is available for all children who wish to join. It costs £3 a session, at £15 per term. We will be learning repertoire for Young Voices to prepare for our trip to the 02 Arena in February, a trip that has been attended in previous years and has proved very successful with the children.

There are lots of resources on Sing Up that can be used to help children develop their skills on an instrument. This includes chord charts, notation, play along videos and video tutorials. We have been maximising children's opportunities to explore music for independent enjoyment with our OPAL play time. Children are able to listen to music during their play and love singing, playing instruments and dancing along.

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 try to offer as many opportunities as possible for children to showcase their work. We are running a trip to the 02 Arena in February with our Come and Sing choir to take part in Young Voices, where they will be singing amongst other Primary schools from all over the country.

We also put on shows regularly that parents can attend to see what their children have been learning. This includes the ukulele showcase for Year 4 children that will take place after they have received whole class ukulele lessons in Term 2. We also will be

running a winter and summer showcase to highlight some of our best performances across both Key Stage 1 and 2.

Our annual shows include our EYFS Christmas singing concert, our Year 1 Nativity and our Year 6 Play.

We have a good relationship with a Secondary School in Ashford who will be delivering some workshops for our children, as well as visiting us to perform with Secondary students who are studying the Arts Award. We have also been invited to take a number of our children to watch their school production of We Will Rock You in March.

Other trips have included taking children to the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury to watch shows as well as local hub musical events and trips to residential homes to do performances.

In the future

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

In subsequent years we aim to further expand our musical opportunities. One of the ways we would like to do this is by starting a band club, which will lead to more opportunities for public performances.

We also aim to run more trips where children will have an opportunity to be immersed in music outside of school and be able to showcase their skills to a wider audience. We aim to host workshops in school, for instance, Samba drumming and Bhangra music workshops to further inspire our children to have a deep appreciation for different musical styles.

We would like to be able to invest in more instruments in the future, such as acoustic guitars, which will allow us to broaden the range of instrumental teaching that we can offer in class. Practice rooms are a great space for children to learn, so we are looking to offer the opportunity for children to book out the rooms during break times or after school to use the rooms and instruments to practise their skill.

We also look forward to building on our connection with the Kent Music Hub and Music Mark, utilising their fantastic resources and providing more opportunities for children.