

Music

Intent

We focus on developing the skills, knowledge and understanding that children need in order to become confident performers, composers, and listeners. Our curriculum introduces children to music from all around the world and across generations, teaching children to respect and appreciate the music of all traditions and communities. Children will develop the musical skills of singing, playing tuned and untuned instruments, improvising and composing music, and listening and responding to music.

Implementation

We follow Kapow Primary's Music scheme of work which takes a holistic approach to music, in which the individual strands below are woven together to create engaging and enriching learning experiences:

- Performing
- Listening
- Composing
- The history of music
- The inter-related dimensions of music

Each five-lesson unit combines these strands designed to capture pupils' imagination and encourage them to explore music enthusiastically.

In years 3 and 4 all children take part in music lessons delivered by Hull Music Hub. These lessons complement the Kapow Primary scheme of work and allow pupils to develop their expertise in using a tuned instrument.

Impact

The children develop a love for music and the skills to enable them to play and instrument. They have the knowledge of a variety of composers from different genres and the ability to collaborate with others to create music. Our pupils possess the skills to express themselves through instruments and songs enabling them to appreciate music throughout their lives.

At Westcott Primary, the children say that music is "power, happiness and a way of letting your feelings flow."

Our Musicians

Our musicians have an appreciation of a variety of genres and composers. They use the skills they have acquired to compose, perform, listen to and evaluate music. They have the ability to dissect music and comprehend its parts while understanding how to further develop their own skills.

The Sequence

Children follow a spiral curriculum where previous skills and knowledge are returned to and built upon. Children progress by tackling more complex skills while mastering others that are revisited. Children develop an understanding and knowledge of the history of music, staff and other musical notations, as well as interrelated dimensions of music. The progression of skills are built upon from Reception to KS2 in each strand of the music scheme.

The Learning

In each lesson, pupils will actively participate in musical activities drawn from a range of styles and traditions, developing their musical skills and their understanding of how music works. Westcott Primary School also collaborates with Hull Music Hub to provide the highest quality music lessons. The lessons, which are engaging, creative and energetic, can be accessed by all.

The Teaching

Music is taught holistically, with singing, playing instruments, composing and listening to music all integrated together to ensure that the key strands are not taught in isolation. Lessons incorporate a range of teaching strategies from independent tasks, pair and group work as well as improvisation and teacher led performances. Lessons are hands-on and incorporate movement and dance elements.