

Music Curriculum Intent:

At St. Andrew's Primary School, we aim to provide children with a high-quality education in Music, which develops their appraising, historical knowledge, composing and performing skills. They will consistently be given opportunities to be critical and creative within music in order to develop their skills as young musicians.

We intend for children to listen to a wide range of music, from different genres, across different eras. This gives them the opportunity to think critically about what they are listening to. As well as this, it allows them to pick up key features of genres of music which they can later use in their own music. Enabling them to listen to music across time, from the past to the present, gives them the opportunity to understand how music has developed and changed as a result of events of the time.

We also intend to give children the opportunities to compose their own pieces of music. This will give them the opportunities to be creative and explore their use of sounds. They will be able to work both individually and as part of a group to create their own pieces of music.

With regards to performing, we intend to give children as many opportunities as possible to perform together in order to develop their confidence. This may be a range of pre-composed songs, which they can perform in their own style or recreate, or songs which they have composed themselves.

Music Curriculum Implementation:

The aims are embedded within our Music lessons and opportunities are provided as part of the wider curriculum. We plan activities to build upon a child's prior learning, whilst giving children of all abilities the opportunity to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding.

Within our whole class teaching, children experience a wide range of musical opportunities with regards to appraising, composing and performing. They explore a wide range of music. As well as this, a love of music is promoted to include all of these skills from both staff and children.

As part of our wider school life, we also use cross-curricular opportunities to explore our love of music and musical skills further. Children from Years 2-6 are also invited to join the school choir.

Music Curriculum Impact:

The children at St. Andrews will have developed a love of music, including composing and performing. Their skills will have progressed in order to have made good progress against the National Curriculum objectives. As well as this, they will have had the opportunities to participate in a range of wider opportunities for music. Music will also have been seen to have had a positive impact on well-being and the activities they have participated in should have had a positive impact on their mental health.