

Music development plan summary: Firbeck Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024- 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Rachel Travers
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Nottingham Music Hub
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, extra-curricular music 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.

As a school we use Kapow Music in order to deliver our music curriculum. This scheme is in line with the National Curriculum expectations. It is progressive and sequential. Units cover key areas such as pulse, pitch, tempo, dynamics, patterns. The scheme incorporates singing, as well as developing musical understanding.

Units are covered half termly across the school.

Where possible the themes within the unit link back to other subjects within the curriculum such as Geography and History.

In addition to this our year four pupils have whole class music tuition with the Nottingham Music Hub. They focus on learning to play the guitar.

Music is covered weekly and 40 minutes per week is set aside for this. Year four have one hour of music tuition.

As a school this year we will be reviewing our music scheme and the provision offered. We want to utilise the skills of our music hub teacher more. This will mean more pupils having the opportunity to learn an instrument and perform to others.

In addition to this we want to review the curriculum map so that our pupils learn about famous musicians.

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.

Currently as a school we offer small group music tuition to our year five pupils. The school would like to review this over the next academic year in order to broaden this to more pupils.

This academic year we have choir on offer as an extra-curricular activity and being in an orchestra. This is building on the success of a school choir last academic year.

Our school choir have the opportunity to perform at local and community events.

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.

As part of our weekly assemblies we have our singing and signing assembly. The pupils have the opportunity to learn a popular song, that has a powerful meaning behind the lyrics and sign it using Makaton.

A piece of music is played while the pupils enter assembly. This is discussed, especially around the lyrics- how it relates to them, our ethos and social responsibility.

As a school we do productions key stage one in the autumn term, lower key stage two in the spring term and upper key stage two in the summer term. These involve singing and percussion.

Our Early Years have the opportunity to visit the theatre and have musical workshops in school. These involve listening to music and singing.

As a school we go to the pantomime and have the opportunity to join in with the singing.

As part of enrichment our year 5 and year 6 participate in an orchestra with the Hallé Orchestra and listen to them perform.

In the Spring term our year 6 will have the opportunity to see a West End Musical, as part of their residential to London.

Also in the spring term as part of the Freedom Factory Juniors programme our year 5 pupils will have an opportunity to perform songs they have written, relating to key themes from the programme.

During the autumn term our choir will be performing with the other choirs from our Nova Primary Schools, at our Transformational Awards. They will have the opportunity to sign to an audience and perform with our Nova Orchestra.

In the future

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

Over the next couple of years we want to:

- Ensure all year groups have the opportunity to see a live production that includes singing and music
- Provide an opportunity for more of our pupils to access small-group or individual music tuition
- Widen the offer we currently have with the music hub
- Build up the profile of our school choir and orchestra
- Participate in the Young Voices concerts
- Review the music curriculum, ensuring our pupils have an opportunity to learn about different composers from different eras.