

Music development plan summary: Willow Bank Junior School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Heather King
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Berkshire Music Trust
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.

At Willow Bank, the music curriculum is taught in specific music lessons across all year groups either 30minutes weekly or 1hour fortnightly. All children are exposed to singing in unison and in parts during weekly singing assembly. Listening & Appraising is incorporated in every music lesson as well as in assembly times.

Our school music curriculum incorporates different schemes. The terminology we teach and listening opportunities is informed by the Model Music Curriculum.

Music at Willow Bank: Each year group covers...

- 2 Charanga units
- Music from around the World
- Elements of Music using BBC 10 Pieces
- Notation

- Music Technology

In Year 3 and 4, all children learn a musical instrument. Year 3 learn the recorder and Year 4 have an In2Music Brass or Woodwind project with Berkshire Music Trust. In Year 5 and 6, all children use a range of tuned and untuned percussion instruments, and Boomwhackers with in their notation lessons.

Willow Bank has a Music Mark.

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.

Berkshire Music Trust currently offer Woodwind, Brass and Drum lessons at Willow Bank. Children have the option for individual or group lessons. We offer taster lessons for all pupils and with our partnership with Berkshire Music Trust, we have access to staff bands that come to give live performances to the whole school.

Pupil Premium children are able to have music lessons and their funding is used for instrument hire and tuition fees.

Music Extra-Curricular Clubs:

- Choir
- Boys' Choir
- Year 6 Show Choir
- Recorder Group
- Orchestra

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 offer a range of musical experiences to all pupils at Willow Bank and highly value these experiences.

All children participate in weekly singing assemblies. The whole school perform to friends and family in our Harvest, Christmas & Easter church services. At these events, all music groups perform too. At the end of the year, we hold a Willow Bank Summer Concert. This is an opportunity for anyone who is part of a music group to perform. Some children are given the chance to perform a solo at this event too. During the year, we also have music assemblies which allow each year group to show the rest of the school what they have been learning in their music lessons.

Children that are part of the choir are given the opportunity to perform at the Hexagon twice a year. We take part in the Junior Music Festival, which is organised by Berkshire Music Trust, and WASMA. As well as this, all children in Year 5 & 6 are invited to take part in the Young Voices concert at the O2 London. Additionally, the Year 6 Show Choir often take part in the Addington School Proms.

Finally, each year group puts on a production during the year providing them with more singing and performing experience.

In the future

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

- Purchase a new set of glockenspiels
- Purchase a set of World instruments to support music from around the World units.
- Looking at shortening some units to allow time for production/Young Voices rehearsals.
- Trial a whole school music house colours competition.
- Further observations in all year groups.