

Music development plan summary: Kirkby La Thorpe CE Primary Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024- 2025
Date this summary was published	
Date this summary will be reviewed	
Name of the school music lead	Sophie Ashton
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Lincolnshire Music Service
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 Kirkby La Thorpe, our Music Curriculum is planned and delivered through the Sparkyard Scheme. This covers 4 key areas as stated in the Model Music Curriculum: Singing, Performing, Composing/Improvising and Listening. The Music Curriculum has been adapted to meet the needs of our small rural school, with mixed age classes. Each class have a timetabled lesson of music every week for 1 hour, as well as a 15 minute specifically planned Coral Collective Worship. Within our daily Collective Worship, the children are exposed to different genres of 'listening music' that has been specifically chosen and mapped out for the academic year. Within EYFS, children have a weekly Music lesson, as well as opportunities to develop musically throughout their daily provision and through daily rhyme time. Individual music lessons are available to all children as well as whole class ensemble teaching when the children reach Year 3. This is delivered by the Lincolnshire Music Service.

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.

Whole class Music tuition is currently delivered within the Year 3 class. This academic year, the children are learning how to play the clarinet, which concludes with a performance to parents in the Spring Term.

Individual musical lessons are offered to all children – these are charged lessons. Currently, a number of children are undertaking piano lessons.

We hold a number of opportunities during the academic year for children to sing, play and perform in front of an audience. The whole school take part in a musical performance during our Harvest celebrations. This involves each class learning a song and performing it to an audience, as well as the whole school performing a song as a large ensemble. During our Christmas celebrations, Key Stage 2 children are invited to perform at Ewerby Church in our carol service. All children within Key Stage 2 are invited to come along and sing as an ensemble. The school choir, comprising of Key Stage 2 children, then perform a separate set of songs. In the Spring Term, the whole school perform in a music concert in front of an audience. Each class take to the stage to perform an ensemble – usually a song. The Year 3 children also perform their final pieces learned on their whole class instruments (this year the clarinet). The music concert also gives children the opportunity to perform/sing individually. This includes children receiving instrumental lessons outside of school.

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.

During the academic year 2024-2025, the children at Kirkby La Thorpe will have numerous musical opportunities. As a school, we hold daily Collective Worship in which the children are exposed to Listening Music as well as singing together. Whole school music performances have been planned, including Harvest Festival – in which

each class learn a song and perform in front of an audience. Additionally, the school all perform a song together as an ensemble. Key Stage 2 children are invited to sing at the Christmas carol service at Ewerby Church. A small group of Key Stage 2 children are invited to attend the Church School Festival, in which they sing as part of a larger ensemble of children at Lincoln Cathedral. The whole school perform as part of the Spring Music Concert. This is both as part of a class as well as individual performances. The children also have the opportunity to be part of an audience at events such as the Christmas Pantomime.

In the future

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

Areas to focus on for the next academic year:

- To ensure all staff have had training/CPD on using the scheme Sparkyard. Complete CPD set out by Sparkyard.
- To develop Listening Music – throughout the school day, not just within Collective Worship.
- Re-evaluate whole class instrumental lessons – look at instrument choice and year groups this is offered to. Look into the possibility of a rolling programme across the year groups throughout the academic year.
- Audit musical equipment – tuned and untuned percussion instruments. Replace where needed.
- Advertise/sign-post parents to instrumental lessons.
- Re-establish a school choir – potentially separate Key Stage 1/2 groups. Support from staff required to help run an after school club/lunchtime club.
- Develop a rolling program of performance opportunities throughout the school year, in addition to the performances already outlined.
- Seek opportunities for the children to perform to the wider community – make local links – care homes?

- Make plans for Christmas concert – rather than Key Stage 2 being 'invited' to perform in Church, look into this being during the school day rather than optional.