

Music At Finchampstead C Of E (Aided) Primary School

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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MUSIC VISION

Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity.

At Finchampstead C of E Primary School we aspire for our Music education to be high quality, inspiring and accessible for every child. In developing their skills as musicians and sense of achievement we aim to see our children grow in confidence and develop a lifelong love of Music.

Area	What Happens Now	What We Would Like To See	Link To Actions
Time Allocation	<p>Singing Assembly The whole school meet together every week for a 20-minute Singing Assembly. These are accompanied by the Music Specialist playing the piano or by backing tracks as appropriate.</p> <p>Curriculum Every week, each class receives a 35-minute music lesson.</p> <p>Daily Worship A hymn or appropriate song is sung during our daily Act of Worship. The whole school will often get together before the Christmas performance to practise the singing. Services throughout the year.</p>	<p>To remain committed to this quality and quantity of Music provision</p>	

	The whole school visits St James Church throughout the year and participates in the services which include singing.		
Curriculum Music	<p>We use the Out of the Ark Scheme – Sparkyard and the Model Music Curriculum to ensure we are delivering a broad and exciting curriculum whilst meeting the requirements of the National Curriculum.</p> <p>Our School employs a Music Specialist, who delivers the music lessons to each class. Class Teachers will then follow up on songs and cross curricular links as appropriate.</p> <p>Ipads and Computers are used as required for the technology along with the music system in the hall.</p> <p>Pupil Ambassadors for Music promote the subject, look at resources and assist with promoting musical activities throughout the school.</p>	Monitor pupil progress over time against changes made within the curriculum.	<p>1</p> <p>3</p>
Instrumental Teaching	<p>Percussion All year groups learn a range of tuned and untuned percussion instruments and use for composing and performance purposes.</p> <p>Recorders Years 3 / 4 Currently learn the Recorders for 2 terms.</p> <p>Ukulele Years 5 / 6 Learn the Ukuleles for 2 terms All instrument lessons are delivered by the Music Specialist within the curriculum timetable.</p>	<p>Maintain the range and quality of the percussion instruments.</p> <p>Monitor the possible aspiration this gives pupils to engage and continue with learning an instrument. Start / Continue as appropriate, to develop links with the hub to further the instrument lessons.</p>	
Co-Curricular Music	<p>Choir We have two choirs in school a KS1 and KS2. These choirs are not selective, everyone and anyone is welcome. KS1 Choir is run by a KS1 staff member. KS2 Choir is run by the Music Specialist.</p>	Increase the size of the choir and have a couple of joint pieces sung together during the year.	

	<p>These choirs meet on a weekly basis during a lunch hour.</p> <p>Peripatetic Lessons Children in school have the opportunity to learn instruments through our Music Hub https://www.berksmusictrust.org.uk</p> <p>Keyboard Drop In The music specialist once a week, runs a lunchtime keyboard club whereby any KS2 child can drop in and have a go on the keyboards in the classroom.</p> <p>Fife Club KS2 children can sign up to learn the Fife in an after school 30 minute session.</p>	<p>Continue to inspire our pupils with Music connections with our local Music Hub and school community.</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Performance Opportunities</p>	<p>Lunchtime Groups</p> <p>KS1 Choir Performs occasionally during special assemblies and at Christmas during the Carol Service.</p> <p>KS2 Choir Performs during our services at St James Church. They all sing during special assemblies and at our local Friendly Finches Community Group. At Christmas our school participate in the Wokingham Mayors Carol Concert, singing with approx.. 200 other children and being accompanied by the Berkshire Music Trust teenage orchestra. At Easter we join with other Wokingham School choirs to participate in WASMA held at the Hexagon Theatre in Reading. This involves singing challenging songs often in parts, performing drama, and dance and being accompanied by a live band. We have also accompanied the performances by forming the percussion band on a number of occasions.</p>	<p>As more children take up peripatetic lessons set up an ensemble group.</p> <p>Perform at Warren Lodge – Choir</p>	

	<p>Whole School Performance Opportunities</p> <p>There are many performance opportunities with groups of children performing to their class, classes performing to each other and then whole school performances on more formal occasions.</p> <p>Christmas Play Every year the whole school is involved in performing a Christmas Nativity and the year 4 children provide a percussion band. Opportunities are available for some Year 6 children to sing a solo or small group part.</p> <p>Christmas Carol Service Children are invited to perform a range of singing and playing activities. A staff music group with a small group of children accompany some of the carols.</p> <p>Special Assemblies KS1 sing and perform pieces during their learning events when parents are invited into school. There are also plenty of opportunities to perform within their class. The year 3 / 4 children perform their recorder pieces, and the year 5 / 6 children perform their Ukulele pieces to the whole school and parents. When appropriate to hold Music celebration assemblies for children to perform</p> <p>Year 6 Leavers Performance The year 6 complete several performances to the whole school and their parents. These performances include singing and playing a musical instrument.</p>	<p>Maintain the wide range of opportunities for all children to sing and perform.</p> <p>Increase the number of children playing an instrument with the staff group as they learn an instrument.</p>	2
Musical Experiences	<p>Outside Visitors Parents. Through links with our parents we have had visits from the drum horses of the Household Cavalry and a parent has presented an assembly on his role</p>	<p>Trips to Musical Performances The children experiencing trips to Theatres to experience a live musical performance. For Example the one below at Guildford.</p>	4

	<p>as a musician within his regiment and accompanies our annual remembrance day parade.</p> <p>Berkshire Music Trust – Music and Mayhem</p> <p>Our Local Music Hub visits our school with their staff band and introduce the children to the different instruments. They perform a wide variety of pieces from different genres and eras.</p> <p>We invite visitors in as appropriate and fitting in with our curriculum. We have had African drumming workshops and our most recent being Ollie Turner from https://www.beatgoeson.co.uk with inspirational body percussion workshops.</p>	<p>https://childrensconcerts.org.uk/concerts/</p>	
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