

Music development plan summary: Park Hill Primary School



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Charlotte Watson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	SIPS Music & Arts
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rocksteady Music School

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.

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 Park Hill we teach music through Charanga's 'Model Music Curriculum Scheme. We pride ourselves on giving all children the opportunity to learn, play and express music regardless of their musical ability. Our scheme ensures that our music lessons are inclusive and accessible for all children.

'Charanga's English Model Music Curriculum Scheme is aligned with the National Curriculum for Music and the non-statutory Model Music Curriculum (MMC) Guidance published by the DfE in 2021.'

The scheme follows a spiral approach to musical learning. Children revisit, build and extend their knowledge and skills incrementally. Teachers can adapt the learning flexibly to ensure that all strengths and needs of each child are met.

The scheme works through units and lessons that are taught weekly. There is clear progression throughout the year groups and the children experience engaging, exciting songs throughout each lesson. Each unit is broken down into six steps. The first step introduced the unit's focus in relation to its content, skills and knowledge; the middle steps then develop this, and the final, sixth step assesses the learning through expressive performances and activities which mostly focus on collaborative work.

Each unit involves a variety of musical activities, centred around given songs:

- Understanding Music
- Listen and Respond
- Learn to Sing the Song
- Play your Instruments with the Song
- Improvise with the Song
- Composition- Compose with the Song, Create a Graphic Score (KS1)
- Composition- Compose with a Theme, Music Notepad, Quickbeats (KS2 only)
- Perform the Song

The scheme also focuses on other areas on the curriculum which support children's understanding of the wider world around them. Each unit is centred around a 'social question' and a 'musical spotlight' which encourages children to think deeply about the world, their communities and their relationships with other.

The SEND scheme is also available for use for children who require these smaller steps style lessons.

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.

At Park Hill we have many opportunities for musical expression outside of weekly lesson time:

- We have weekly Singing Assemblies with Mrs Glover. We practise singing our school values songs and also seasonal songs that we perform at different occasions.
- Children have the opportunity to join a rock band with Rocksteady Music Tuition School. Parents have the opportunity to sign their children up for weekly paid tuition sessions for small group music tuition. Park Hill also contribute to the weekly sessions by committing to offering some bursary places to children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium to access lessons for a term.
- One to One Music tuition, provided by SIPS Music & Arts, for Children in Care.
- In Year 3, children learn to play ukuleles with our local music provider, SIPS Music.

- Park Hill offers an after-school club that has musical influence. Makaton club; where the children learn to combine their love of singing and communication through signing together.
- Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 participate in Christmas performances.

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 highlighted above in our 'Extra-Curricular Music' we offer a multitude of opportunities for our children to express their interest and passion for music.

- Weekly Singing Assemblies. We also sing during our celebration 'Reach' assemblies.
- The children who attend the Rocksteady Music Tuition weekly sessions have perform in a 'Rock Concert' termly to the rest of the school and parents are also invited.
- At Christmas and Easter, the whole school attends our local church to celebrate and sing together the songs that we have learnt and practised in our weekly assemblies.
- Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to attend 'Lichfield Music Festival' after attending sessions beforehand to practise for the event.

In the future

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

Moving forward for Park Hill, we would like to extend children's experiences further by visiting more musical venues to experience live music.

In relation to performance, as a school, we would like to provide the children with the opportunity to perform in front of a diverse range of audiences. One idea in particular would be for children to perform at Residential Homes for the Elderly.

We would like to promote and extend children's understanding of cultural diversity in the arts by inviting professional musicians into school to expose our children to the successes of these professionals.

Further information

Rocksteady Music School: <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

Charanga Music: <http://www.charangamusicworld.com>

SIPS Music and Arts: <https://www.sips.co.uk/our-solutions/music-and-arts/>