

Music development plan summary: Burlington Junior School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	24-25
Date this summary was published	September 24
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Name of the school music lead	Alison Beckett
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	As above
Name of local music hub	East Riding 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, 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 Burlington Junior School, children are able to access music lessons from specialist peripatetic music teachers. Music is taught from Year 3 to Year 6 for approximately 45 minutes-1 hour each week. Our objectives in the teaching of Music align with the National Curriculum in that pupils:

-Perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians;

-Learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence;

- Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.

Children in Year 3 and 5 access weekly music lessons which focus on voice. Children in Year 4 and 6 access weekly music lessons which focus on guitar skills.

The current curriculum plans for these sessions are being reviewed.

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.

Outside of lesson time, children are able to learn an instrument. We have peripatetic teachers available for: drums, guitar, violin, flute and cello. Pupils are able to loan instruments through the school or through the East Riding Music Hub. If the instrument is available to loan from school – this is free of charge. If only available through the music hub – there is a charge through this service. For this academic year, music tuition has been subsidised and this is currently free for all pupils. Children are able to work towards different music grades, depending on their ability and stage of learning.

During the school year, there are opportunities for children to join the school choir, and orchestra. These are extra-curricular activities, outside of the school day. There are opportunities for pupils to perform to audiences at local residential homes, churches, Christmas events and much more. This is a free club to access, but is invitation only from Mrs Beckett (for those learning instruments in school, or those who audition for choir).

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.

At Burlington Junior School we value the importance of music and musical experiences. We feel that these experiences can help to increase the cultural capital of our pupils.

Our musical experiences include:

- All year groups are invited to attend a Christmas Pantomime.

- We enjoy a Christmas concert for the whole school from the East Riding Music Hub – which helps to demonstrate the range of musical instruments the children are able to learn.
 - Year 6 London residential – attend a west-end show
 - Year 3 and 4 pupils rehearse and perform a Christmas performance to parents/carers and pupils.
 - Year 5 rehearse and perform a Harvest Festival to parents/carers and pupils.
 - The school take part in a Christmas Carol concert at the local church with our feeder infant school.
 - Year 6 pupils rehearse and perform their end of year production in the summer term.
 - Year 5 pupils rehearse and attend the East Riding Music Hub's 'Big Sing'. Parents/carers are able to watch this and purchase tickets through the Bridlington Spa Box office.
 - Year 4 are taking part in the Science and Energy Music Project.
 - At the end of the summer term, pupils from each year group take part in a concert for the other pupils – demonstrating their learning in their work with their vocal sessions, or their weekly guitar sessions.
- This is not an exhaustive list, but are the key recurrent events each year. As opportunities arise, further experiences may be available.

In the future

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

Moving forward, and looking at the 7 key features of music development, it would be beneficial for the school to offer a space for rehearsals or personal practice of their instrument.

We will continue to offer a range of musical experiences and truly believe in the value of the children experiencing and enjoying live performance.

Continue to develop and refine the music curriculum on offer for all pupils, alongside the support of the peripatetic music teachers.