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MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL
2024 - 2025

Long Knowle Primary School



School Music Development Plan

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Mason-Parkes
Name of local music hub	Wolverhampton Music Service

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum, instrumental and vocal lessons and ensembles, 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.

Focus Area 1 – Curriculum

- At Long Knowle Primary School, pupils in Reception, KS1 and KS2 have timetabled music lessons each week.
- All of our pupils have access to the music curriculum.
- For Music, we follow a scheme of work called Kapow. The scheme focuses on developing the skills, knowledge and understanding that the pupils need in order to become confident performers, composers and listeners. Pupils are introduced to music from around the world and across generations, teaching the pupils to respect and appreciate the music of all traditions and communities. Pupils have opportunities to develop their singing skills, and to play a variety of pitched and non-pitched instruments. In our music lessons, the pupils learn about the history of music, and they learn how music can be written down. There are some cross-curricular links to our topics in History, Geography and Science.
- Class teachers access the Charanga scheme of work for additional resources and activities.
- Year 4 pupils have ukulele lessons provided by the Wolverhampton Music Service. This allows children to experience learning a musical instrument with a music specialist teacher every week. The class teacher and teaching assistant take part for continuous professional development opportunities.
- In school, we have a range of pitched and non-pitched musical instruments available. We have an EYFS instrument kit, percussion kits for KS1 and KS2, world trade percussion kits, mini djembes, boomwhackers and glockenspiels. We also have a piano in the school hall.
- The pupils listen to a piece of music each day through the music calendar. The children experience music from different musical genres, different time periods and different countries.
- Class teachers make half-termly assessments in music.

Focus Area 2 – Instrumental and Vocal Lessons and Ensembles

- Pupils in EYFS and KSI have the opportunity to practise songs and sing in the Christmas productions.
- KS2 pupils rehearse songs in class and during assembly time for the Christmas carol concert and the Christingle service.
- Pupils taking part in the after school KS2 drama club have the opportunity to sing and perform.
- Year 6 pupils sing songs for a leavers' production at the end of the academic year.
- Year 3 pupils practise singing songs for the 'Singing in the Halls' event, and Year 5 pupils for the 'Sing 4 Christmas' event.
- Year 4 pupils have weekly ukulele lessons provided by the Wolverhampton Music Service. Pupils have the opportunity to take their ukulele home for practise.

Focus Area 3 – Music Events and Opportunities

- Staff from the Wolverhampton Music Service come into school during May to perform a live concert to the children in Reception through to Year 6.
- Year 3 will take part in the 'Singing in the Halls' event in May, where they will join with other local schools to sing songs at The Halls in Wolverhampton.
- Year 5 pupils will take part in the 'Sing 4 Christmas' event in December, where they will perform at St. John's Church in Wolverhampton.
- KS2 drama club put on performances for pupils and parents.
- EYFS and KSI perform the Christmas productions to pupils and parents. KS2 pupils sing in a carol concert to parents on the playground. Pupils from Reception to Year 6 come together to sing in our Christingle service.
- Year 4 pupils will have the opportunity to perform to parents, showing them their progress with the ukulele.
- Some of our Year 6 pupils will take part in a 10 week music technology programme provided by the Wolverhampton Music Service. The pupils learn how to sequence sounds in GarageBand.

In the future

In the future, we aim to:

- Develop the music space in school, so that some music lessons can take place in the music area.
- Look at continuous professional development opportunities for staff members.
- Set up a school choir.
- Organise more performances for pupils to take part in.