



Kirkby and Great Broughton CofE VA Primary School

Music development plan

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Ms Sarah Talkington
Name of local music hub	North Yorkshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Steve/Fiona Bone Music Dan Shields- MusicWorks

Our Music Vision

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.” – Plato

At Kirkby and Great Broughton, we believe that music has the power to shape the soul and is capable of influencing the ethical and moral development of our pupils. Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. Through music, our children can communicate feelings and ideas, be inspired by others and feel part of a community. Our high quality music curriculum follows the award winning Kapow scheme and both develops pupils’ love of music as well as their talent as musicians.

Music is all around at Kirkby and Great Broughton School and helps our development in so many ways – mentally, socially and physically.

Music is delivered through:

- A weekly whole school singing worship
- The study of a 'Musician of the Month'
- Weekly classroom music lessons
- a range of whole-class instrumental music lessons throughout KS2, taught by expert musicians from the County Music Service
- Extra-curricular music-related experiences
- A school choir/vocal ensemble
- Opportunities to both perform and to watch performances in school and in the wider community.

Our Music Curriculum

As they journey through school, children are taught how to think, work and communicate like a musician and in doing so, they engage with music from a variety of genres, cultures and eras. We are committed to offering the children as many opportunities as possible to become confident and self-reflective musicians and we adopt a practical approach as much as possible, using instruments to bring music to life. We aim to give children the opportunity to explore music, discover their musical talents, gain rich diverse experiences and opportunities to perform, listen to, compose and appreciate music.

Music is taught predominantly in 45 minute weekly sessions by each class teacher. Music is also taught during our weekly communal singing assemblies that last 15 minutes and through 'Musician of the Month' sessions. Music is delivered following the Kapow programme, designed specifically for the teaching of music in primary schools, and informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021), non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 3. Kapow lessons are planned in sequences to provide children with the opportunities to review, remember, deepen and apply their understanding. Kapow meets all components of the Model Music Curriculum, including musical technology units.

We are able to produce inclusive lessons for all children to access the musical curriculum in a fun and engaging way, further promoting a love of learning. We believe that all children should experience the joy of learning how to play a musical instrument. We work in partnership with the North Yorkshire Music Service who support us with whole class instrumental teaching in KS2. This year the Y5 children will make progress and build on their Ukulele skills taught when they were in Y3, and Y6 will start as beginners, having learned to play the clarinet last Year. The current Y3-4 class will learn to play recorder in the summer term. Children are able to loan their instrument between lessons in order to practise and consolidate.

For more information on our music curriculum, please see the Music page on our school website

Co-curricular music

At KG&B, we are very proud to offer a variety of musical tuition opportunities. We invite in the services of local professional music teachers, for pupils who wish to learn an instrument and work towards the National College of Music and Arts grade certification. Mr Steve Bone teaches a wide variety of instruments, this year he has pupils learning the electric guitar and saxophone. Mrs Fiona Bone is a vocal coach and Mr Dan shields of Music Works offers keyboard lessons currently. These lessons are funded by parents. When there is a strong uptake, Mr Bone will run a School Band After-school club. They make progress in musicianship, confidence and teamwork skills. Children are given regular opportunities to perform to their peers in end of term celebration worship.

Our Choir is open to all children in KS2 and is a vocal ensemble for children with a passion for singing. Children who wish to be a part of the choir, attend over lunchtime. Our choir do lots of work with the community, such as singing in care homes and church. Our choir have taken part in the Young Voices concert in Sheffield Arena. The children in choir often then join our Drama Club cast, both of which are run by Mrs Kay and Ms Talkington.

Our commitment to providing Cultural Capital means that children are exposed to a new musician every month and a piece of their music each week. Children hear music from a range of musical genres, artists and instruments and discuss the artist and their work in context of their historical relevance, geographical location and impact on the world. We hope children will come away with a richer knowledge of different cultures and in some cases the courageous advocacy exemplified by these musicians of diverse backgrounds.

Musical Experiences

Children at Kirkby and Great Broughton have regular opportunities to perform and to experience high quality musical performances. Please see below a list of opportunities:

- Christmas performances
- Singing assembly with Mrs Kay
- Choir perform during Church services
- Choir perform to care home residents and lunch club in Stokesley
- Musician of the Month
- Children perform regularly to each other as part of their curriculum lessons.
- Upper KS2 invited to watch dress rehearsal performance at Stokesley School and Sixth Form
- Drama Club perform dress rehearsal to the rest of school and perform to parents
- West End theatre Co. Pantomime performed to whole school, funded by the PTA

In the Future

We are always aiming to enrich and improve our pupils' musical education and experiences and are committed to overcoming barriers and providing opportunities for progress. In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- Continued high standards of music across school.
- Introduce further live music opportunities across the school in the form of visits and workshops.
- More CPD opportunities for teachers and music leaders
- Music for mindfulness to support of the school vision on spirituality
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- to have a half-termly class performance, each class taking a turn to perform instruments or ensemble singing
- Create opportunities to play music for classroom focus and singing as an aide- memoire across all subjects