

Music development plan summary: The Marton Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Deborah Thombs
Name of local music hub	Lincolnshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Lincolnshire Music Service

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.

Music is taught using Music Express, an exciting and engaging scheme of work in which each unit is based on a theme, allowing children to explore different genres of music. All lessons are practical and exploratory, with a child-led approach to musical learning. Each unit follows the same structure. Children will listen and appraise music, play some warm up games, learn to sing the unit song, play instruments, improvise, compose, perform and share their work. The children have opportunities to play a range of tuned and untuned instrument. Every week the children will learn part of a song and by the end of the unit will be able to perform it. Singing is very much at the heart of our music lessons.

Each unit from Music Express corresponds with the national curriculum for music. Our academy website has up to date long-term plans which detail the different music units taught throughout the year.

Music is taught weekly in each class throughout the year. Lessons are usually 45 minutes to 1 hour in length. In some classes, these are taught in block sessions to ensure full curriculum coverage.

Children at The Marton Academy have the option to have specialist individual musical tuition provided by Lincolnshire Music Service or Kirk Stephenson Guitar Tuition. We offer string, woodwind, guitar and keyboard/piano tuition with a specialist teacher coming into school on a weekly basis. Children can choose to complete grades for their instrument if they wish to.

We also offer whole class music tuition courtesy of The Lincolnshire Music Service. Each class will get a term of singing, percussion, djembe or ukulele class tuition. Our youngest children in EYFS access two terms of IMP (Infant Music Programme).

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.

At The Marton Academy, we offer string, woodwind, keyboard/piano and guitar music tuition provided by Lincolnshire Music Service. Children in school can then learn to play these instruments if they choose to and will be loaned an instrument to practise with at home. Details of the cost of lessons can be given at the school office and lessons for pupil premium children are free. Children who are learning to play their instruments take part in an end of year performance to the rest of the school and parents/carers to showcase their learning and progress. This provides a lovely opportunity for the rest of the children in school to listen to instruments being played and hear what they sound like live.

All pupils take part in weekly singing assemblies, practising songs for the Young Voices event that Key Stage Two pupils can attend.

We offer lots of opportunities for musical performances for all age groups:

- Nativity performances for EYFS, Key Stage One
- Christmas Carol Service for Key Stage Two
- Summer music concert (where all classes can present to parents what they have learnt during their singing/instrument tuition with Lincolnshire Music Service)
- Christingle Service to parents at the local church
- We offer a choir club on Wednesday evenings for pupils of any age (October 2024 onwards)

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.

Children can take part in a range of musical experiences during their time at The Marton Academy. In Key Stage One and EYFS, the children all perform in a Nativity which includes many songs that the children enjoy spending time learning. The children in Key Stage Two learn some traditional Christmas songs to perform at a concert to parents and carers.

In Key Stage Two the children all have the opportunity to attend Young Voices. They spend time learning the songs in singing assemblies and choir club. The children then have the option to attend the event held at Sheffield Arena. They perform the songs they have learnt in assembly to a live audience alongside thousands of other children. They also have the chance to be a part of the audience and watch some live musical performances.

Our new Musician of the Month programme, which is delivered once a week in assembly time, is allowing children to be exposed to a wide range of high-quality music, drawn from different composers and musicians. It is aimed at creating a culture of musical appreciation and understanding. Musician of the Month also links well to PSHE and British Values with diversity appreciation a key component. This builds on the work that takes place in class, listening and appraising different musical genres and discussing the children's feeling towards these.

In the future

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

In the subsequent years we aim to:

- Continue delivering high quality music lessons
- Continue to give children the chance to perform in school productions and Young Voices
- Give the children the chance to be part of a live audience
- Form a link with our local music hub to support the development of music
- Provide musical experiences in school either for children to watch or workshops for children to take part in