

Music development plan summary: *Cartmel CE Primary School*

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Rachel Battersby
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Rachel Battersby
Name of local music hub	Cumbria Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Grange Concert Club

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

Aims of the Music Curriculum

We aim to deliver a creative programme of high-quality classroom music activity at Cartmel. We inspire our pupils to develop a love of music in all its forms and genres. We give them authentic experiences through visiting musicians to school and trips to hear musicians in the wider community. We aim to give all children the opportunity to improvise, compose, play and perform music, whilst enabling them to have wide access to the variety of styles of music and deepen their appreciation and understanding of this valuable subject. We aim to develop 'life skills' through this subject and in line with our Artsmark journey; collaboration, communication, listening, leadership, resilience and a 'can-do' approach to their learning.

Implementation

We implement our music curriculum through the use of the new 'Sing Up' Curriculum from Reception to Year 6. The complete and progressive library of resources meet the requirements of the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (Expressive Arts), the National Curriculum for Music and suggested approaches of the Model Music Curriculum (Singing, Listening, Composing, Performance/Instrumental Performance).

Covering a broad and diverse range of repertoire, approaches and music traditions, Sing Up Music supports a fully-integrated approach to musical development, connecting the interrelated strands of singing, playing, improvising, composing, listening and appraising.

At Cartmel CE Primary pupils learn music for an hour each week.

Impact

Children at Cartmel learn about styles of music from different time periods and in different places around the world. They learn to put their 'life skills' into practise through collaborative and communicative activities with their peers. Our pupils' mental health and wellbeing is impacted through developing a love for music and an appreciation of the healing qualities and mindfulness it can offer. Children in our school feel included at all times and engaged with the different aspects of music learning pitched to suit their ability and need.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

Pupils can learn both the violin and piano in school. Parents pay separately for lessons, though school supports pupils in receipt of pupil premium with these costs.

School often partners with the local Church for events and have provided singing for services and shows over the years.

The school works with Cumbria Music Hub to engage with performance opportunities including 'The Big Sing' at the local Brewery Arts Centre. 'The Dance Platform' also enables pupils to engage with movement to music in the same setting.

Pupils regularly visit concerts/workshops given at Grange Concert Club, giving pupils experience of live performance. They have experienced brass quintets, jazz ensembles etc over the years.

Professional musicians have visited school as part of our ongoing Artsmark journey over the years (Artsmark Gold Award 2022 – 2024); including a pianist, singer, violinist and percussionist.

Part C: Musical experiences

Every week our children sing regularly in worships in school. We have a dedicated Singing Assembly, where all children learn new songs; modern, traditional and a capella.

Performances of a whole school nativity ensure all children are able to sing in front of an audience. Class 3 children produce an end of year musical, which incorporates drama and music together.

Children who learn an instrument (both in school and out of school) are given opportunities to play for parents and peers in a concert style event.

All pupils visit a Christmas musical show at a local theatre, often with further theatre opportunities throughout the year. KS2 pupils enjoy singing in the 'Big Sing' at The Brewery Arts Centre and performing in the 'Dance Platform' at this venue.

Children in KS2 also visit Grange Concert Club at The Victoria Halls, with whom we partner, throughout the year to experience events such as a jazz quartet, brass quintet etc.

Visiting musicians also come into school to perform for the children. Most recently we have welcomed a percussionist who played a series of instruments in a concert/workshop forum for the whole school.

English National Opera have toured their educational piece on the Ocean and environment into our school, to which we also welcomed local cluster schools. These events are often supported by the Friends of Cartmel Primary.

School is participating in Live Lessons with The Royal Ballet and The Royal Opera House over the course of this year as part of our continuing Artsmark journey.

In the future

- We plan to develop our instrumental offer further this year, to include singing lessons.
- We are also looking to start a choir in school.
- As part of our continuing Artsmark journey, we will look to provide additional access to authentic musical experiences for our children.

