

Music Development Plan

Banks Lane Infant and Nursery School

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Purpose

This plan is a summary of how Banks Lane Infant School delivers music through the curriculum, co-curricular provision and children's musical experiences beyond the classroom. This is a document that celebrates what we are doing now and what are we continually developing upon. This helps parents or carers to understand what our school facilitates and who we work with to support the pupils' musical experience and education.

Part A: Curriculum Music

This is about what our teachers teach during lesson time, how much time is dedicated to teaching music and what our teachers provide.

At our school, we are committed to providing children with a rich array of musical experiences that contribute positively to their learning. We believe that fostering a love for music not only builds confidence but also nurtures the next generation of musicians. Our curriculum is thoughtfully designed to ensure accessibility for all learners, with adaptations

made to meet the needs of our pupils. Regular exposure to a wide variety of musical genres cultivates an appreciation for music in all its forms, enabling our students to listen, engage, and grow in their understanding and enjoyment music.

At Banks Lane Infant and Nursery School we follow the Stockport Music Service scheme of work. This scheme is aligned with the National Curriculum and the DfE's Model Music Curriculum 2021. The curriculum employs a spiral approach, whereby all learners progressively revisit and deepen their skills and knowledge in music. This fosters a more secure understanding and facilitates musical mastery. Each instructional unit comprises four essential components: listening, composing, performing, and evaluating. This structure not only enhances the students' musical abilities but also cultivates a well-rounded appreciation for music.

All teachers dedicate a one-hour slot each week to deliver a lesson from the Stockport Music Service Scheme, complemented by our whole-school initiative, 'Genre of the Week'. This approach enables children to listen to and appraise a diverse selection of music throughout the school. As a result, the pupils have developed an awareness of instrument families and the characteristics of various musical genres, allowing them to express their observations and emotions in response to the music they hear. The Sparkyard 'Out of the Ark' resource is also frequently used as a starter to music lessons, in assemblies and throughout the school day in the classroom. This boosts confidence, aids wellbeing and fills our school with enthusiastic singers.

Part B: Co-Curricular Music

This is about what opportunities pupils have to sing and play music outside of lesson time and how pupils can grow in confidence and progress beyond the curriculum.

Singing Club/School Choir

Our Singing Club has become a popular extracurricular activity at our school, allowing pupils to experience the joy of music and singing in a group. Pupils perform a wide variety of songs in front of their peers, parents, and even at local care homes.

Ukulele Lessons

In addition to the choir, we are lucky to have Front Row Music offer weekly ukulele lessons for pupils. These sessions, available for a small fee of £7.00 per lesson, take place in a friendly group setting, where children can learn from skilled instructors in an encouraging environment.

Infant Music Makers

We also promote Stockport Music Centre's regular 'Infant Music Makers' rehearsals. We share details about these sessions with pupils and parents via Seesaw. Each term, children can join in

lively singing and instrumental percussion sessions, all for £45.00. These opportunities not only help our children develop their musical skills but also inspire a lifelong love for the arts, guided by passionate music specialists.

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.

Every week, our pupils come together for a lively singing assembly, where they have the chance to sing along to piano accompaniment. We also sometimes use the Sparkyard resource during these sessions, allowing the children to explore different musical styles and get involved with fun actions. This is a fantastic opportunity for everyone to come together and share in the joy of singing.

During these assemblies, pupils learn about key vocal skills such as diction, timbre, and dynamics, which help create a wonderful sound when we sing as a group. Our weekly celebration assembly is another special occasion where pupils sing to celebrate their classmates who have received awards, contributing to our strong sense of community.

Our Singing Club, or choir, holds termly performances for the whole school, and they also visit local care homes, giving community members a chance to see the children's hard work. We encourage all students to take part in the 'Banks Lane's Got Talent' show, showcasing their musical talents, whether it be playing an instrument, singing, dancing, or drama. Children who take Ukulele lessons perform for their parents and carers twice a year, which significantly boosts their confidence and allows them to demonstrate their progress in musicianship.

In the future:



At Banks Lane Infant and Nursery School, we pride ourselves on our unwavering commitment to a high-quality and well-rounded music curriculum, both now and in the years to come. We are delighted to announce that we have recently been awarded the 'Music Mark for Dedication and Improvement.' This recognition was a key objective in our previous music development plan, and we are extremely pleased to have achieved it.

As we move forward, we aim to:

- Increase accessibility for all pupils, especially those eligible for Pupil Premium funding, to engage in extracurricular music activities. We believe that every child deserves the

opportunity to explore their musical talents and interests.

- Create a 'Music Day', during where the Music Lead will visit classes to impart key skills related to tuned instruments such as the glockenspiel.
- We aspire to develop our dedicated space for music lessons, enhancing the overall learning environment.
- To increase the amount of our Singing Club performance venues outside the school, allowing our talented children to share their music with the wider community.

Together, these initiatives will not only enrich our music curriculum but also foster a lifelong love for music in all our pupils.