

Music development plan summary: Upshire Primary Foundation School



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 to 2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Frankie Stevenson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Essex Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-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.

To read in more detail about the music provision at Upshire Primary School, please visit our music curriculum page:

<https://www.upshireprimaryschool.com/page/?title=Music&pid=48>

Curriculum music lessons are informed by the KAPOW Primary Music scheme and provides pupils with opportunities to:

- Listen to and evaluate music from diverse time periods and cultures.
- Learn how to create and control sound using their voices, as well as tuned and untuned instruments.
- Understand how music is communicated through various notation systems.
- Improvise and compose music.
- Perform musically in front of audiences of varying sizes.

An instrumental scheme is also delivered by Essex Music Service and gives pupils an opportunity to learn how to play the ukelele for a prolonged period, allowing them to develop technical proficiency on a single instrument.

Part B: Extra-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.

We have a thriving Key Stage 2 Choir. Pupils in years 4 - 6 are invited to join the choir which rehearses weekly for 1 hour after school with the Headteacher. There is no charge for attending the choir.

If pupils need/would like to rehearse or practice individually or in groups, this can be arranged (with prior notice) with the music lead.

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 will have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music this academic year. Please see below for a list of those opportunities:

- The choir participating in the annual Voice in a Million concert at The OVO Arena, Wembley. There is a charge to parents for this event to cover the cost of T-shirts, which all children attending must wear, and transport to and from the event.
- The choir sing Christmas carols at the local care home
- The choir will sing Christmas carols at the local supermarket in which we can raise money to go towards musical resources for our school
- There will be a Christmas carol concert in KS2 to parents
- The choir performing at the school Christmas Fair.
- Reception children sing Christmas songs to their parents
- Year 1 and 2 sing to parents during their Nativity performance.
- The choir take part in the Epping Forest Schools Improvement Led Partnership Music Festival
- Year 6 sing to parents during their end of year Leavers' Production.
- All year groups perform to parents as part of their class assembly.

This musical learning is further supplemented by weekly singing assemblies for the whole school, lasting 25 minutes.

In assembly, children are exposed to a range of classical music, being taught to recognise the title of the music, the name of the composer and the date it was composed.

Every year group from Reception to Year 6 presents a class assembly at various times throughout the school year to the school and to parents, which involves a performance of singing or playing instruments learnt within their music lessons.

In the future

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

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- Further develop the extra-curricular opportunities for both Key Stages.
- Introduction of a wider range of instruments on offer for small group or individual lessons.
- Development of the new KAPOW Primary music scheme that ensures consistency and progression from EYFS through to Year 6.
- Introduction of further whole-class ensemble projects delivered by a music specialist.
- Further develop engagement in extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND children.
- Exposure to musical performances though visits to the theatre or by visiting musicians.