

Music development plan summary: Matthew Arnold Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Pauline Roberts
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Liverpool City Region Music Hub
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, co-curricular provision and musical performances – and what changes we are planning in future years. This information is to help pupils and all stakeholders what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

Part A: Curriculum music

At Matthew Arnold Primary School we deliver a high-quality music curriculum that aims to engage and inspire pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, increasing self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement. We encourage children to participate in a variety of musical experiences through which we aim to build up the confidence of all children. Children enjoy singing songs and learning about the structure and organisation of music. They listen to and appreciate different forms of music and develop descriptive skills when learning about how music can represent feelings and emotions. Children work with others to make music and develop understanding of musical notation and composition music.

In our 2 and 3-year-old nursery, children enjoy listening to familiar songs and learning new songs and rhymes. Songs include a range of new and familiar nursery rhymes, action songs and song that develop a sense of pulse and rhythm. Links with the taught curriculum are made where necessary. Children have access to a range of instruments and music making opportunities.

In R / KS1 pupils participate in a weekly music lesson, using the Charanga scheme, delivered by the class teacher. Adaptions are made where needed for SEND pupils.

In KS2 the children participate in the Resonate Wider Opportunities Programme; a specialist music teacher delivers a weekly instrumental lesson, developing children's skills and understanding of music through learning to play the guitar / ukulele. This allows them to practise skills taught in lessons making progress as they play. The children are allowed to take their instruments home to practise their skills at home. Instrumental learning is inclusive for all pupils.

When not having an instrumental lesson KS2 pupils participate in a weekly music lesson, using the Charanga scheme, delivered by the class teacher.

The 'Charanga' Music Curriculum builds skills and knowledge in our pupils. The details can be found here:

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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 1	Hey You Old School Hip Hop	Rhythm in the Way we Walk and The Banana Rap Reggae / Hip Hop	In the Groove Blues, Latin, Folk, Funk, Baroque and Bhangra	Round and Round Bossa Nova	Your Imagination Pop	Reflect, Rewind and Replay Classical
Year 2	Hands, Feet, Heart African styles of music	Ho, Ho, Ho Rapping and Christmas Music	I Wanna Play in a Band The study of Rock music	Zootime Reggae	Friendship Song Pop	Reflect, Rewind and Replay Classical
Year 3	Whole Class Instrumental programme taught by specialist teacher from Resonate Hub - ukulele	Whole Class Instrumental programme taught by specialist teacher from Resonate Hub - ukulele	Let Your Spirit Fly RnB	Three Little Birds Reggae	Glockenspiel 1	Whole Class Instrumental programme taught by specialist teacher from Resonate Hub - ukulele
Year 4	Whole Class Instrumental programme taught by specialist teacher from Resonate Hub - ukulele	Whole Class Instrumental programme taught by specialist teacher from Resonate Hub - ukulele	Blackbird The Beatles / Pop	Glockenspiel 2	Reflect, Rewind and Replay Classical	Whole Class Instrumental programme taught by specialist teacher from Resonate Hub - ukulele
Year 5	Livin' on a Prayer Rock	Make You Feel My Love Pop Ballads	Whole Class Instrumental programme taught by specialist teacher from Resonate Hub - ukulele	Whole Class Instrumental programme taught by specialist teacher from Resonate Hub - ukulele	Whole Class Instrumental programme taught by specialist teacher from Resonate Hub - ukulele	Dancing in the Street Motown
Year 6	Happy Pop / Neo Soul	A Classroom Jazz Bacharach and Blues	Whole Class Instrumental programme taught by specialist teacher from Resonate Hub - ukulele	Whole Class Instrumental programme taught by specialist teacher from Resonate Hub - ukulele	Whole Class Instrumental programme taught by specialist teacher from Resonate Hub - ukulele	Reflect, Rewind and Replay Classical

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Part B: Co-curricular music

Our pupils have the opportunity to take part in a range of musical experiences throughout the school year

- Hearing live music performed through online concerts hosted by Resonate.
- KS1 perform the nativity at Christmas, whilst KS2 perform a carol concert. These are performed to peers, parents/ carers and families, as well as governors of the school.
- Our school choir have the opportunity to perform in a range of venues (Y2-6) sing for the residents of local nursing homes and at Tesco at Christmas time.
- Our lower KS2 classes perform the Easter Assembly though story and music.

Part C: Musical experiences

In Matthew Arnold, we aim to develop the cultural capital of our pupil through a range of wider experiences. These include:

- Throughout the year our children take part in a weekly singing assembly. This allows all of our children to join in, develop a love and enjoyment of music.
- KS1 attend the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall to experience a live orchestra. This year the production is 'A Bear Hunt', an orchestral retelling of the story through song and music.
- In Y5 and 6 children attend our linked secondary school, Kings Academy, GCSE musical production at the end of the year.
- Range of curriculum enhancement includes African drumming and bought in performances.

Pupil premium funding is used to subsidise trips so all pupils have the opportunity to attend.

In the future

- Sign the school up to Sing Up, so that we can participate in local music events.
- Build a stronger school choir by encouraging more children to get involved.
- To develop strong links with local music hubs and events.
- To develop a wider range of instruments available for our children to learn to play.
- Have more opportunities for learning to play an instrument in KS1.

Further information (optional)

Our SDP allows us to audit our resources in the coming year, so that we can ensure we have a range of high quality resources for the children to use both in school and at home.

We are working to raise the profile of music across the school.

On our school website we have provided a list of music websites available for parents and carers to access to help them develop their child love of music and to practise skills they have been taught in school.

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