

Music development plan summary: Victoria Primary Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Ryan Myczko
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music	Jess Jenkins
Name of local music hub	Artforms (West Yorkshire Music hub)
Name of other music education organisation(s) in partnership	Noodle Performance Arts Young Voices I-jam

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.

At Victoria Primary Academy, we believe that self-expression is vital for a young person's growth and development. Music embeds core skills such as speaking and listening, turn taking and other fundamental values. Amongst those skills, children learn the value of expression and how that can be shown in different areas of our music curriculum.

An overview of our music curriculum is published on our website.

The curriculum is aligned to the national curriculum NC music and it is informed by the model music curriculum.

Music teachers are given relevant information about pupils with SEND well in advance. They make adaptations to their lessons if necessary so that all pupils can access the curriculum. More information about how we meet the needs of pupils with SEND can be found in our SEND policy.

In EYFS, daily sessions incorporate rhyme, pitch and pulse within their daily practice.

In KS1, our high-quality music curriculum continues to engage and inspire children to develop love of music. Children in Y1 and 2 are taught six units of music a year providing opportunities for pupils to learn to sing or play an instrument during lesson time through whole-class ensemble. Lessons take place each week for 45 minutes - 1 hour.

KS2 continue with their coverage of the musical curriculum with music specialist teachers from I-jam. Each class has 1 hour tuition per week where they develop their listening, composing, performance and appraisal skills on a specific instrument. During this time, the children are exposed to different genres of music through listening and have the opportunity to critique different styles using technical vocabulary. In addition to this, KS2 uses technology in lessons to support musical compositions.

Additionally, children sing songs in assemblies with a focus on upcoming performances. .

We work in partnership with Young Voices to support the music curriculum. Pupils are able to access extra-curricular provision through singing and playing musical instruments in after school clubs.

Part B: Music Tuition, Choirs and Ensembles

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.

- **Rocksteady**
- **Create music**

We run a weekly extra-curricular choir throughout the year. The choir performs during concerts in school throughout the year and at church for our special celebration services. They have previously been the choir that have been taken to Young Voices to experience performing with a live professional band, professional singers and as a choir of 5000 singers from all other schools in the area.

Part C: Musical experiences, events and performances

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.

Experiences

Every week students sing in assemblies with the rest of the school or their key stage.

Events

As a whole school, we put on several performance throughout the year, alternating where we perform them between our school and the local church.

Performance

We have a number of performances throughout the year:

- Christmas/Winter productions for the year groups from Nursery to Y4. Other year groups watch the dress rehearsals and all parents are invited to watch. UKS2 take the lead on carols around the tree where they perform on instruments and sing.
- Y6 end of year assembly where they perform songs and reflect on their time at school. Y6 Parents are invited to the event.
- Young Voices – during the autumn term, will be rehearsing a variety of songs and dance moves incorporating all genres from folk music to Pop and Rock. This culminates in an extraordinary concert experience at the Sheffield Arena. On the day of the concert, the choir, along with up to 9,000 other young voices, will rehearse together for the first time, creating a vibrant collective experience featuring special guest artists. There is a cost for tickets for parents to attend the concert at the Arena and to buy any merchandise.

In the future

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

This year we plan to:

- A school choir or vocal ensemble to perform their medley in an assembly
- A termly school performance showing what has been learnt in music lessons
- Have an opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year
- Structured music assemblies where the focus is on different elements so that children are confident with musical vocabulary and enjoy the experience of performing with others as a school community. The assemblies would incorporate a vast range of musical styles and genres and instruments to be performed by students.
- Collaborate with Opera North to engage children in upcoming performances.
- Reach out to Northern Ballet - investigate if they have any Primary school programmes.
- Reach out to Create music
- End of year talent competition.
- Buy subscription for Charanga - teachers to deliver 30 min weekly sessions alongside external providers.
- Leeds youth music festival concert 2025
- The KS1 Little Sing - Marvellous, Magnificent Minibeasts