Music Curriculum

Langford, Wilberforce & Fulham Primary Schools







| | Supporting Songs and Styles | Performing | Listening | Composing |
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| Nursery | Nursery rhymes & action songs | Remember and sing songs. Sing the pitch of a tone sung by another person. Sing the melodic shape. | Listen with increased attention to sounds. Respond to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings. | Create their own songs or improvise a song around one they know. |
| Reception | Nursery rhymes & action songs, funk | Play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas. Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs. Perform songs with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music. | Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses. | Explore and engage in music making, performing solo or in groups. |
| Year 1: Autumn: Hey You! Spring: In the groove Summer: Your imagination | Нір Нор, Рор | Children will learn to sing or rap three songs in new styles including hip hop and pop. To learn the names of the notes in their instrumental part from memory or when written down. | To know that music has a steady pulse, and to be able to find this pulse. To know what the three songs are about and some of the instruments they use. | To know what improvisation is. To improvise using one or two notes: C, D. To know what composing is. To learn how notes of a composition can be written down and changed if necessary. To help compose a simple melody using one, two or three notes: C, D, E. |
| Year 2: Autumn: Hands feet heart Spring: I wanna play in a band Summer: Friendship song | Afropop, Rock, Pop | Children will learn to sing or rap 3 songs, some in new styles such as afropop and rock. To know what singing in unison is. To play an instrumental part in time with a steady pulse. To develop a comfortable singing posture. | To know that songs have a musical style. To know that rhythms are different from the pulse. | To improvise using up to two notes: C, D and F, G. To compose a melody using up to three notes: C, D, E and F, G A. |

| | Supporting genres, artist and composers | Performing | Listening | Composing |
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| Year 3: Autumn: Let your spirit fly Spring: Three Little Birds Summer: Bringing us together | RnB, Reggae (Bob Marley), Disco Composers: Couperin, Haydn, Lizst | Children will learn to sing 3 songs in new styles such as RnB, reggae and disco. To sing in unison and simple two parts. To sing with an awareness of being 'in tune'. | To know the style the 3 songs and who wrote/sung them. To be able to talk about the musical dimensions of a song (pitch, rhythm, pulse, tempo, dynamics, texture, structure). | To improvise using up to two notes: C, D and C, A. To compose using up to five notes: C, D, E, F, G, A and D, E, F, G, A. To improvise and compose within the styles of RnB, Reggae and Disco. To begin to explore recording a composition using staff notation. |
| Year 4: Autumn: Mamma Mia Spring: Lean on me Summer: Blackbird | Pop (ABBA), Pop (The Beatles), Gospel (Bill Withers) Composers: Handel, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky | Children will learn to sing 3 songs, some in new styles such as gospel. To explore singing solo. | To know the style the 3 songs and who wrote/sung them. To know some of the style indicators of the songs they have learned (musical characteristics that the give the song its style). | To improvise using up to two notes: C, D and F, G. To compose using up to five notes: C, D, E, F, G, A and G, A, B, D, E. To improvise and compose within the styles of Pop and Gospel. Listen to and reflect upon the developing composition and make musical decisions about its development. |
| Year 5: Autumn: Livin' on a prayer Spring: Make you feel my love Summer: Fresh prince of bel air | Rock (Bon Jovi), Pop Ballads (Adele/Bob Dylan), Hip Hop (Will Smith) Composers: Purcell, Beethoven, Chopin | Children will learn to sing 3 songs, some in new styles such as Pop ballad. To know the notes C, D, E, F, G, A, B + C on the treble stave. | To know the style of the 3 songs and who wrote/sung them, when they were written, and if applicable, their historical context. | To improvise using up to three notes: C, D, E and D, E, F and G, A, B. To compose using up to five notes: C, D, E, F, G, A and D, E, F, G, A. To improvise and compose within the styles of rock, pop ballad, and hip hop. Make musical decisions about a composition that work musically within the style of the song. |
| Year 6: Autumn: Dancing in the street Spring: Happy Summer: You've got a friend | Motown (Martha and the Vandellas), Neo soul (Pharrell Williams), 70s Ballad/Pop (Carole King) Composers: Lully, Mozart, Debbussy | Children will learn to sing 3 songs in new styles such as Motown, neo-soul and 70s ballad. To know about the style of the songs so they can represent the style and context to their audience. | To know the style of the 3 songs and who wrote/sung them, when they were written, and if applicable, their historical context. To talk about how the music makes you feel, using musical language to support your answer. | To improvise using up to three notes: A, G, B and D, E, F. To compose using up to five notes: C, D, E, F, G, A and E, G, A, C, D. To improvise and compose within the styles of Motown, neo-soul and 70s ballad. To know that they can learn riffs and use them in your improvisations. |

Beyond the taught curriculum:

| | Singing in the Classroom | Singing Assembly | Singing in Class Sharing Assembly | Offered 1:1 music tuition with Piano Fun Club* | Choir | Christmas Concert Performance | Young Voices 2024 | End of Year Production |
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*Piano Fun Club offer 1:1 peripatetic music tuition to children in Reception to Year 6

Beyond KS2:

Pupils should build on their previous knowledge and skills through performing, composing and listening. They should develop their vocal and/or instrumental fluency, accuracy and expressiveness; and understand musical structures, styles, genres and traditions, identifying the expressive use of musical dimensions. They should listen with increasing discrimination and awareness to inform their practice as musicians. They should use technologies appropriately and appreciate and understand a wide range of musical contexts and styles.

KS3 National Curriculum Programme of Study