



Music Curriculum Intent

Intent

At St Nicholas, we intend to make music an enjoyable learning experience that will inspire pupils to develop a love of music and nurture their musical talents. Music is a way to introduce pupils to a diverse range of musical styles and traditions, including traditional hymns, classical music, gospel, jazz, pop, rock, and rap. By exploring the origins and historical significance of different musical genres, pupils will gain a greater knowledge of the world they live in and its relevance in today's world. We believe that through a wide curriculum and dedicated teaching we can increase pupils' musical knowledge and skills. Music education can help cultivate creativity, self-expression, and confidence among pupils, empowering them to explore their gifts and abilities in a supportive environment.

Implementation

Teaching of music at St Nicholas is multifaceted. We use Charanga and Sing Up as our two schemes of learning. However, we also provide opportunities for pupils to develop their musical talents and skills through choir rehearsals, instrumental lessons, and group performances.

Music is used to enrich the school's worship services thereby developing a sense of unity and reverence. Pupils become more confident in performing as a large group and take part in a whole school singing worship once a week.

Music is also used for moments of reflection during class worship or quiet times. Soothing melodies and contemplative songs allow pupils to connect with their inner self.

EYFS and key stage 1 classes perform to parents and the school during the Christmas period laying the foundations of production. In Key stage two, year three learn the violin, which is taught by a peripatetic teacher from Herts Music Hub with the opportunities for private lessons to continue this further. Year six produce and perform an end of year musical production, which encases all their musical knowledge and skills. Parents are sign posted to the Local Music Hub which provides instrumental teaching, which can also be completed within the school day.

Impact

The Music Curriculum at St Nicholas is planned to demonstrate progression and build on and embed current skills. We measure the impact of our curriculum through:

- Discussion with pupils about their learning
- Audio and video recording of pupil practical learning
- Monitoring by the music subject leader and music link governor
- Teacher assessment
- Pupil knowledge organisers

Ultimately, all pupils at St Nicholas will develop confidence as performers, composers and listeners and will be able to express themselves musically. They will show an appreciation and respect for a range of musical styles from around the world which will allow them to make decisions on their own musical preferences. It is the aim that all pupils will have a love of music that will last a lifetime.