

Music development plan summary: Marwood CE Infant School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
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Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music	Dorothy Walton
Name of local music hub	Northallerton Music Centre

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 Marwood, we use Sparkyard Music scheme which is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021). Each KS1 class receives an hour of music teaching per week. Details of our Music Curriculum are available under Long-term Plans area of the school website.

There are a variety of opportunities within music lessons for pupils to sing and play tuned and untuned instruments, as set out in the termly plans for each year group.

Music lessons are fully inclusive to all pupils.

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.

Marwood has a school choir which meets weekly after school and is open to pupils of all ages and abilities. The choir performs at Church services throughout the year.

Northallerton Music Centre offers instrumental tuition to pupils. There is also a Saturday music centre providing further opportunities to pupils (Instrument tuition from 7 yrs, Choir open to all ages). There is a cost for this service but there are subsidies for parents or carers in particular circumstances (e.g. pupil premium).

<https://northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk/>

Part C: Musical 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.

Children sing collectively in Worship daily. Worship leaders choose music for pupils to listen to (linked to the Worship theme) and Singing leaders support by leading the actions to the songs, leading voice parts, sign language etc. where appropriate.

All pupils perform musically to a wider audience at least every term. Opportunities include Harvest Festival, whole school Nativity, Carol service, Easter Service and Leavers Service as well as special events (e.g. Mothers Day, when children sing a special song to their parent or guardian.) In addition, our youngest children visit Little Fishes (a local church playgroup) at special times of the year such as Christmas to perform a mini nativity and at Harvest and Easter they sing songs to preschool children.

The whole school is given the opportunity to experience musical theatre by visiting a performance at Christmas every year funded by the school's PTFA.

There are annual visits to school by accomplished musicians to inspire the children – previous visits include a Brass Band, String Quartet, Cellist.

In the future

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

To broaden the children's knowledge of a wider range of instruments by extending the school's links with local musicians.

To further develop our links with Northallerton Music Hub.