

Music development plan summary: [Haydon Abbey School and Pre-School]

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
Date this summary was published	
Date this summary will be reviewed	
Name of the school music lead	Ella Sullivan
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Bucks Music Trust
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 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.

Our Long Term Plan for Music is on our website.

We have high aspirations for every child in Music, including children with SEN and EAL.

In EYFS Music is embedded across the curriculum, which results in at least 30 minutes of music teaching a week. This supports children in achieving their expressive art and design learning goal. KS1 and KS2 teach music for one hour a week, which equates to 38 weeks in the year.

Our music curriculum is underpinned by the Kapow scheme, which is based upon the national curriculum. This is created by primary teacher specialists. This ensures children are taught the inter-related dimensions of music including pulse, pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure, appropriate musical notation.

Our curriculum is further enriched by children having the opportunity to sing and play instruments during lesson time, which aligns with the making sound, notation, composing and performing strands of our music curriculum. Children are taught half termly how to play a musical instrument including, ukuleles, xylophones and drums with an external music teacher from the Bucks Music Trust. It provides every child with knowledge and the understanding of different musical genres, musicians and the history of music, as well as developing the children's skills in listening, composing and performing.

We work with The Bucks Music Trust, where a Bucks Music Specialist music teaches a different instrument with every year group for a half term. The Bucks Music Trust have also organised orchestra performances and orchestral workshops to the whole school and groups of children.

Part B: Co-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.

We ensure every child has the opportunity to sing during choir club. This is open to all pupils in KS2.

Part C: Musical experiences

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.

We have a range of musical experiences planned for the academic year, including productions, singing assemblies, carol singing, performances from the choir club, orchestra performances and orchestral workshops.

During singing assemblies, everybody sings across the whole school. In addition to this, music is played for children during assemblies, so that children can hear a variety of musical genres and musicians.

The members of choir club are children in Key Stage 2. They perform twice a year to the whole school.

Reception and Key Stage One perform their Christmas production to parents and the whole school. Years 3 and 4 perform a play together in the Spring Term to parents. Year 5 and 6 perform a play in the Summer Term to parents.

Key Stage 2 perform Christmas Carols on the playground each year to parents. These carols have also been performed to residents at Avondale care home.

All children have the opportunity to listen to orchestral music by the New Mozart Orchestra, which perform a huge variety of instruments to the whole school. KS2 pupils have the opportunity to engage in an orchestral workshop, where they can play different string and wind instruments.

The school choir will have the wonderful opportunity to perform at the Royal Albert Hall as part of a collaborative event with primary schools from across Buckinghamshire. The pupils will join together in a massed choir, performing a range of songs accompanied by a live orchestra.

In the future

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

We plan for children to hear orchestral/instrumental music with performances and workshops from the New Mozart Orchestra. Key Stage 2 will perform carols on the playground each year. We plan for KS1 children to have the opportunity to sing in the school choir. Each year will have the opportunity to perform in a play to parents and the whole school. Bucks Music Trust music specialists will teach every child a musical instrument.