

Music Development Plan Summary: Hook-with-Warsash Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Lou Huddleston
Name of local music hub	Hampshire Music Service

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 Hook-with-Warsash Academy, children have a positive association with music and singing. Throughout the curriculum, they have opportunities to listen, respond and learn music from a wide range of cultures, traditions and time periods and access to a variety of tuned and untuned musical instruments to explore, compose, rehearse and perform with.

Our music curriculum has been adopted from our local music hub, Hampshire Music Service, and personalised to suit our whole school curriculum. The programme provides a progressive, broad and balanced curriculum based on the HMS Age Related Expectations (Pathways to Musical Independence) which are, in turn, based on the National Curriculum for Music. Our Curriculum Musical Map provides six half term units of work for each year group from Y1 to Y6, with Year R considering and adapting their recommended unit focus to fulfil EYFS expectations and meet the needs of the cohort. In Years 1 through to 6, each unit focusses on a particular aspect of musical learning linked to the inter-related dimensions of music. Some units also have an additional focus linking to times of the year, popular history or geography topics and British Values. Each unit focuses on developing specific musical knowledge and skills as outlined in the HMS Pathways to Musical Independence documents (age related expectations for each year group). Each unit builds on and reinforces learning explored in previous years and introduces new learning through a logical sequence of activities. Weekly assessment opportunities are planned in where appropriate, to monitor the development and understanding of the substantive skills (musical dimensions) and assess the children's disciplinary skills. Teachers provide opportunities for children to perform at the end of each unit. Through recording of the performances, children are provided with peer and adult feedback about their outcomes.

We try to ensure Music is inclusive for all at Hook. Most SEND and PP children access the curriculum and participate in weekly music lessons at the same level as their peers. Teachers use a variety of strategies to ensure all children continue to access the music curriculum and to provide support to those who need it.

Strategies include:

- Widening the areas in which exploring and composing of music takes place e.g. outside, use of break-out areas, music room etc.
- Offering a choice of instruments that meets the needs of the child.
- Limiting rehearsal times or providing 'break-out' opportunities, allowing time to return to learning when ready.

- **Other support:**
- Change of instrument or size of instrument/type of beater; using colour-coded instruments e.g. coloured (non-chromatic) glockenspiels to help with note identification; using or writing age-appropriate symbols to represent types of sounds to read and play; using letter names of notes instead of or aswell as, notes on stave; using grids and note names/symbols in varying positions to represent the pitch of a note...

Please click the link below for further information about our SEN provision and policy at Hook-with-Warsash.

<https://www.hookwithwarsash.co.uk/special-educational-needs/>

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.

At Hook-with-Warsash Academy, we pride ourselves in the wider opportunities offered to children to sing and play music.

As part of our music curriculum, three year groups learn an instrument through a whole class programme. These instruments are taught by an expert teacher from the local Music Hub - Hampshire Music Service. The programme is called Listen2Me and is free to all children as it is funded by our PTFA. Every child, in all classes in Years 2 to 4, learn an instrument and work towards a performance at the end of the term. In 2023-2024 the children learned the following: (although these can vary from year to year).

- **Year 2 - Samba Drums – Spring Term**
- **Year 4 Keyboards – Autumn Term**
- **Year 3- Ukuleles – Summer Term**

For any child interested in learning an instrument beyond the curriculum, we work closely with HMS to offer a variety of musical instrument lessons. In 2023-2024, we provided the following musical instrument lessons :

- **Drums**
- **Woodwind**
- **Piano**
- **Guitar**
- **Brass** – *currently Trumpet however, other brass instruments are available (please contact the school office for more information).*

These small group lessons take place weekly, during the school day and are paid for termly or in a single payment (discounted) at the start of the year.

Furthermore, Years 4 to 6 children have the opportunity to form part of a band through the Rock2theBeat programme, learning to play the drums, electric/bass guitar, keyboard or vocals. These also take place weekly during the school day and are for termly or in a single payment at the start of the year. (This programme relies on a minimum number of children to sign up for it, for it to be able to run.)

For enquiries about financial support, sibling discounts and information about purchasing second-hand instruments (such as brass instruments) or the hiring of instruments through Hampshire Music Service, please contact the school office.

Extra-Curricular Music at Hook-with-Warsash Academy

We have a number of additional music clubs that run throughout the year:

- **AUTUMN TERM Year 2/3/4 Choir** – **Aim:** Singing for enjoyment and performing to our peers in Collective Worship in Autumn 1 and rehearsing Christmas carols in Autumn 2. Performances include: Christmas Fair; St Mary's Church Services and at local Residential Homes.
- **SPRING TERM Year 5 & 6 - Aim:** Collaborative Choir. Children across all local primary schools learn a selection of songs around a chosen theme (previous themes include Blues Brothers and Musicals) and each school learns their own choice of song. The songs are performed by all choirs at the local secondary school at two evening Collaborative Performances. The Hook choir meet weekly to learn the songs and attend two rehearsal with all the schools at Brookfield Secondary School. The children have the chance to see what music is like as they progress through to secondary school and to work collaboratively with other children across the community. (Maximum number of children: 25)
- **SUMMER TERM KS2 Production Choir.** A weekly choir club after school for any child who wishes to be part of our whole school annual production choir. We learn the songs for the chosen production and perform in 3 evening performances at a local venue.
- **Music Jamming Club** – A weekly lunchtime club, offered to any child who currently is being taught an instrument in or out of school and who would like to have fun and get creative with other likeminded musicians.

All of the above extra-curricular music clubs are free to all children and are unlimited in the number of children who can participate (unless stated).

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.

As part of the Listen2Me programme in Years 2 to 4, children perform to an audience at the end of their term of the programme. In Year 2 children have previously learned untuned instruments such as Samba drums or African drums. In year 3 and 4, the children have had the opportunity to learn tuned instruments such as guitars, ukuleles and keyboards. Their audiences include a variety of people from the school community including parents and carers of the children performing. The programme is fully funded by the PTFA and the performances are free to all who attend.

At Hook, choir club is available throughout the year for different years groups. Each choir learn songs to perform at an event held by the school or in the local area.

In Years 2 to 4, children perform Christmas carols at the school's Christmas Fair and to the residents of local Care and Residential Homes such as Locks Wood Community Centre, Hamble Heights Residential Home and Ancasta Grove Care Home. We work closely with St Mary's Church and the local community to provide our choir with opportunities to sing with different musicians and for a wider audience including the Salvation Army Band and Warsash residents in the Victory Hall.

Children at Hook participate in singing daily through Collective Worship and practice songs weekly during a Collective Worship singing practice assembly. The songs chosen are reflective of the time of the church year. Singing includes whole school singing, groups and classes in unison or solo. The songs learnt and sung are appropriate to the age and differ between Key Stage 1 and 2. As children reach Year 6, they are taught harmonies and melodies or ostinatos that accompany or enhance specific songs. The repertoire of songs taught and sung in Collective Worship are cross cultural and children learn and sing songs in other languages.

As children enter the hall for daily Collective Worship, they hear and learn about a song which links to the theme of the week. The songs allow the children to learn of and experience music from different cultures and times. Information is displayed on the screen as they wait for Collective Worship to begin and continue to listen to the music. Information may include who is singing, where or how it originated from, what is special about the particular song and questions to make them think about what they hear.

Each term, the Rock2theBeat bands perform to an audience of the school community and children from different year groups. Throughout the year, all children from Years 1-6 have the opportunity to watch their peers perform in a rock band and celebrate their progress and achievements.

A highlight of the children's musical experience at Hook-with-Warsash is the annual School Production, traditionally held in the latter part of the Summer term. The production is shown over 3 evenings and held at a local venue. Each performance is approximately 2 hours long and tickets cost approximately £12. Proceeds of the events go to cover the costs of the hire of venue, materials for costumes and props and the costs of the licensing of the chosen play.

The production is a whole school experience where children from Year 1 to Year 6 have a part to play and perform in. In Year 1 and 2 children learn a song and dance that they perform as a class in at least one of the evening performances. Years 3 to 5 have the opportunity to be part of the choir. The choir perform at all 3 performances (when possible) and support the singing of the Year 6 children on stage. The choir is open to any child who would like to sing and be a part of the production. Children begin to learn the songs at a weekly Production Choir club after school which normally starts in the second half of the Spring term and continues through the Summer term until the production itself. Choir averages between 80 and 110 children but is unlimited as to who can attend. In Year 6, all children participate in the acting and performing of the production. Children are offered the chance to audition for leading or supporting roles and to sing solo, duet or group songs. The children have time during the school day to learn words, rehearse and practice as a year group. From the second half of the Spring term, all children attend an after-school club where they are taught group dances to perform alongside songs in the production. Children, are given 1:1 time or small group time to learn and develop their solo, duets or group songs as needed. Children look forward to the School Production and the excitement and anticipation builds as they get closer to the reveal date as to what the show will be. In 2023-2024 children performed Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and 2022-23 children performed Shrek. Over the years, Hook have performed many different popular musicals and at various venues including Fareham Theatre, Waypoint Church Community Centre and even in a circus tent in the grounds of the school.

As well as playing lead roles in the production, to help support their understanding of what is expected when performing a musical, Year 6 have the opportunity to go to the theatre to watch a performance of a musical at a local theatre such as the Mayflower or Kings Theatre. This is a paid trip which costs approximately £32. Trips are often subsidised for disadvantaged families; please contact the school if you have any enquiries.

In the future

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

In September 2024-2025, we intend to build on and continue to improve the quality of teaching in music through personalised CPD training provided by a trained HMS music specialist.

Currently, music is taught weekly, every half term in Years 2 through to 5. Year 6 continues to teach music weekly, as per previous years until the Spring term when their music discipline skills of singing, rehearsing and performing are taught and developed through the production preparations. In 2024-2025, we aim to develop how music is currently taught in Year 1. Our aim is to provide more regular, informal musical learning opportunities through exploratory play and shared singing at the beginning of Year 1 progressing to more formal, timetabled music lessons as the year progresses.

In 2024-2025, we aim to update and create a fully functioning music room, providing a range of appropriate tuned and un-tuned instruments. The aim is for the music room to be used regularly by classes and for our small group instrument lessons.

Further information

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how you can get your children involved in music in and out of school, and where you can go to for support beyond the school.

Please click the link below for more useful information from our local music hub, Hampshire Music Services:

[Hampshire Music Service | Education and learning | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)