

Curriculum Overview



Subject: Music	Subject Leader: Nic Carroll
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Rationale

At Spurcroft Primary School, our intention is to provide **all** children with a broad and balanced music curriculum, which helps children to feel that they are musical, and to develop a life-long love of music. We focus on developing the skills, knowledge and understanding that children need in order to become confident performers, composers, and listeners. Our curriculum (Kapow Primary Music) introduces children to music from all around the world and across generations, teaching children to respect and appreciate the music of all traditions and communities.

Structure

Children will develop the musical skills of singing, playing tuned and untuned instruments, improvising and composing music, and listening and responding to music. They will develop an understanding of the history and cultural context of the music that they listen to and learn how music can be written down. Through music, our curriculum helps children develop transferable skills such as team-working, leadership, creative thinking, problem-solving, decision-making, and presentation and performance skills. These skills are vital to children's development as learners and have a wider application in their general lives outside and beyond school.

From Year 1 to Year 6 each year group has four topics to be taught through weekly lessons across the year. Kapow Primary Music scheme of work enables pupils to meet the end of key stage attainment targets outlined in the National curriculum and the aims of the scheme align with those in the National curriculum.

In each lesson, pupils will actively participate in musical activities drawn from a range of styles and traditions, developing their musical skills and their understanding of how music works. Lessons incorporate a range of teaching strategies from independent tasks, paired and group work as well as improvisation and teacher-led performances. Lessons are 'hands-on' and incorporate movement and dance elements, as well as making cross curricular links with other areas of learning.

Music Curriculum Map

This table shows the topics covered every term in each year group and demonstrates the range of musical knowledge that children will learn over their time at Spurcroft.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 1	Keeping the pulse Theme: My Favourite Things		Musical Symbols Theme: Under the Sea		Sound patterns Theme: Fairytales	Pitch Theme: Superheroes
Year 2	Call and response Theme: Animals		Pitch Theme: Musical Me	Instruments Theme: Musical Storytelling		Structure Theme: Myths and Legends
Year 3&4	Adapting and transposing motifs Theme: Romans			Changes in pitch, tempo, and dynamics Theme: Rivers	Body and tuned percussion Theme: Rainforests	Samba and carnival sounds and instruments
Year 5&6	Composition and notation Theme: Ancient Egypt		South and West Africa	Musical Theatre	Composition to represent the festival of colour Theme: Holi Festival	