Music Development Plan Summary: Riccall Community Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Stephen Flatman
Name of local music hub	North Yorkshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	York St. John University

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

Our school music curriculum is informed by the 'Model Music Curriculum' (DfE 2021). All children are able to access our music curriculum, with access for disabled pupils and support for pupils with special education needs (SEND) central to our teaching. Please see our 'Intent, Implementation and Impact', and our 'Core skills and knowledge progression' document on the music page school website for more information.

Music is taught regularly throughout the school, beginning in EYFS with the Early Learning Goal 'Being Imaginative and Expressive'. In Key Stage 1 and 2, music is taught for one hour and five minutes each week: children have a 40 minute music lesson, spend 10 minutes listening to and discussing a piece of music from our Listening and Appraisal scheme, and take part in a 15 minute singing assembly.

From Year 2 onwards, children learn a musical instrument for five out of six half terms of the school year. Year 2 learn to play the recorder; Year 3 and 4 learn to play the ukulele; Year 5 learn to play the guitar; and Year 6 learn to play the violin or 'cello.

We have also benefited from a strong relationship with York St John University whereby students from their undergraduate music degree programme have come to school to support our music teaching, and most recently, we have taken part in the Northwestern

Research Project (involving York St. John together with universities and choirs in Chicago and New Mexico) to explore the links between music, mental health and wellbeing.

Part B: Co-curricular music

Riccall Community Primary School has had a long tradition of sending Key Stage 2 children to the fantastic Young Voices concerts in Sheffield Arena each year, involving singing as part of a choir of over 5,000 children to an audience of a similar size. In recent years, the number of children enjoying and benefiting from this experience has grown and grown, with our most recent total being 80 pupils.

As well as Young Voices, children from Year 2 upwards can also take part in our recorder club, and African drumming club; there are also other new clubs planned to start this academic year.

We also have opportunities for children to learn an instrument during school time with peripatetic teachers. Currently, our pupils learn keyboard/piano and guitar, however we are exploring widening the offer to include a greater diversity of instruments to learn. Instruments are available to loan from North Yorkshire Music Hub if required, and group lessons are free for children receiving Free School Meals. North Yorkshire Music Hub also offers a range of groups at their Saturday Music Centre in Selby. If your child is interested in starting a new musical instrument, please make us aware and we can provide you with details of how to sign up with the Music Hub, or pass on your enquiry to our private tutors.

Part C: Musical experiences

There are many opportunities for children at Riccall Community Primary School to perform in front of an audience. Children sing in assembly every week, working towards our whole-school assemblies with parents invited to the local church at Harvest, Christmas and Easter. Children in each year group also work on performances at Christmas (EYFS and KS1 perform in productions, whilst KS2 takes part in a Christmas concert), and each year group also showcases their musical learning in our Summer concert. Key Stage 2 classes also perform a production in each year group spread throughout the year. Optionally, some children may also wish to take part in other opportunities as they arise, such as charity events at different points within the year.

In the future

This year, our focus for music at Riccall Community Primary School is in the following areas:

- We want to further increase engagement with and enthusiasm for co-curricular music across school, as well as the frequency of musical experiences. This will involve starting new clubs as well as looking at new opportunities to work with other musical groups outside of school, taking part in and going to concerts.
- We are creating a new high-quality, purposeful area in which to teach music, with high-quality, organised resources.
- We want to revisit our curriculum, ensuring that it has a wide and full coverage with increased emphasis on composition as well as continuing to celebrate already successful areas such as listening, appraising and performing.
- We want to continue to increase children's musical appraisal skills, particularly their use of musical vocabulary.

Further information

Riccall Community Primary School Music: https://www.riccallprimary.co.uk/music-3/

North Yorkshire Music Hub: https://northyorkshiremusichub.co.uk/

Department for Education guide for parents and young people: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people