Music development plan summary:
Woodfield Infant School and St George's Junior School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Karen Sequeira
Name of local music hub	Shropshire 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.

At Woodfield and St. George's we believe that music is foremost a practical subject where pupils are actively involved in making, listening to and responding to music.

We encourage and nurture the expression of ideas and feeling through music with the development of vocal and instrumental skills while learning about cultural and historical links.

Music is taught as a discrete subject, while also making links to other subject areas as appropriate.

Singing is a strand that is embedded throughout the curriculum.

Children will have experience of playing many different instruments and will play then with increasing musical skill, using the relevant notation.

EYFS have lots of lessons investigating the musical elements of loud and quiet, fast and slow, high and low using small handheld percussion instruments, appreciating how the sounds can be changed to create an effect.

Years 1 and 2 continue to use percussion instruments playing rhythms and melodies with increasing control.

Year 3 play ocarina for half the year and in doing so will develop their understanding and appreciation of melody.

Year 4 will have whole class tuition in ukulele, learning how to strum chords as well as play melodies by finger picking.

In **Year 5 and 6**, instrumental skills are embedded further with song writing and ensemble playing.

Singing is embedded throughout the curriculum.

- At Woodfield, children have weekly lessons in the hall or in their classroom.
- At St. George's, children are taught in hour long lessons in 2 out of 3 weeks.
- All children are taught by the music lead – Mrs Sequeira.

There are performance opportunities throughout the curriculum.

EYFS: Christmas show

Year 1: Christmas concert and Spring concert

Year 2: Christmas concert and Leavers' Concert

Year 3: Spring singing concert at St. George's Church and summer ocarina concert

Year 4: Christmas show in the hall and summer ukulele concert.

Year 5: Christmas concert in St. George's Church

Year 6: Leavers' show

Classes also lead assemblies for their year group and parents. Most feature a song and musical performances. Children also perform within class and post recordings on Seesaw.

We aim that at the end of their time with us at Woodfield and St. George's, children will:

• have a lasting interest and engagement in a wide range of music

• have an understanding of how music reflects the time and place in which it was created

• have the confidence to perform to show their musical abilities

• have a knowledge and understanding of a variety of musical notations

• be able to play a range of instruments musically

Please follow this link to see our curricula.

https://www.woodfield.shropshire.sch.uk/music/

https://stgeorgesjunior.org.uk/home/learning/subjects/music/

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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.

Woodfield Choir

A very popular after school club. We meet weekly in St.George's hall and have many performance opportunities. We sing at the harvest festival and at Christmas concerts. We perform a short play and then a big summer concert. We have sung at local retirement homes, churches and at a mass concert "Shropshire Sings".

St. George's Choir

Our choir is very popular. We meet weekly in the hall and have many performance opportunities.

Our autumn term starts with music for the Harvest Festival, and then we learn Christmas songs. We take our Christmas songs out into the community, singing at churches, care homes, a local special school and even a pub. In the spring term we rehearse a musical show and perform to the rest of the school and parents. Summer term culminates in a big concert, often joining with other local schools or an adult community choir.

Instrumental Ensembles

Our instrumental ensembles are open to KS 2 children and vary during the school year to enable children to extend their musical skills in an area which interests them. Clubs may include:

Autumn Term: Music Club – an orchestra for anyone who plays anything or would like to play any of our school instruments in a group. This culminates in a concert of Christmas music.

Spring Term: Learn to Play the Recorder Club – for beginners. We follow a Recorder Karate scheme where children can earn "belts" for their recorders as they learn harder pieces.

Summer Term 1: Recorder Club. An opportunity to play recorders in an ensemble.

Summer Term 2: Drum and Rhythm Club. An opportunity to be loud! Open to anyone who would like to play rhythmic music together.

These clubs all involve performances to parents and/or the rest of the school.

These clubs are bookable on Arbor.

Pupil Premium children are entitled to one free club each term.

There are instrumental lessons available through Shropshire Music Service. At present, we offer lessons on keyboard, guitar and violin.

Please contact the office if your child is interested.

Part C: Musical experiences

At St. George's we strive to offer a variety of additional musical experiences for all our children.

We have a weekly Singing Assembly. This is an uplifting time of community singing. Our songs reinforce our school values, and also recognise and celebrate community and national events.

St. George's school year culminates in a **Song of the Year Countdown**. The children are able to vote for their favourite songs and these are sung in a special singing assembly.

We enjoy an annual visit from Shropshire Music Service musicians during **Live Music Week**. Last year we invited their folk group to play for us and teach us about their music. This year we might get the jazz or rock group.

We have also started to invite **musical parents and family members** into school to play for us. It is wonderful to see the talent in our school families. If you are interested in coming in to play for us, please contact the school office.

We are always on the lookout for **local musicians** to come and play for us. We hope to have a local recorder ensemble and wind band play for us this year.

In the future

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

Musical experiences

We are always keen for our children to have a range of musical experiences. Live music is a powerful motivator for our own musical learning. We would like to link with our local secondary schools and college to invite older pupils in to perform for us.

Further information

The Department for Education publishes a guide for parents and young people on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

The Shropshire Music Service offers wonderful opportunities for children to play in ensembles. https://www.shropshiremusicservice.org.uk/

You can also hire instruments through the music service.