

St. Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School



Music Curriculum Handbook

Music: Our Curriculum Vision

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything."
- Plato

At St Peter's, it is our intent that we make Music an enjoyable learning experience. We encourage children to participate in a variety of musical experiences through which we aim to build up the confidence of all children. Our teaching focuses on developing the children's ability to understand rhythm and follow a beat. Through singing songs, children learn about the structure and organisation of music. We teach them to listen and to appreciate different forms of music. Children develop descriptive language skills in music lessons when learning about how music can represent different feelings, emotions and narratives. We also teach technical vocabulary such as dynamics, pitch, beat and rhythm and encourage children to discuss music using these terms. Music enables an alternative way of expression that provides positive well-being at St Peter's. We want the music lessons to be fun and inspiring, engaging our pupils with songs, lyrics and movement. In our lessons, children can be reflective and expressive, which encourages their development of an appreciation of music with the opportunities we provide as a school. At St Peter's many of our pupils are taught woodwind, brass, piano and guitar by peripatetic tutors and we have a successful school choir that performs at various events, including Bolton School's Music Festival. By the time they leave us, the children are able to sing songs, speak chants and perform rhymes using confident, clear diction, control of pitch and musical expression. They appreciate that time and place can influence the way music is created, performed and heard and can use a range of musical vocabulary to understand and explore pieces.



St Peter's Smithills Dean Long Term Overview for Music

Year Group	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
EYFS	Me! The children will explore the theme of "Me" through listening to songs, singing songs and playing instruments.	Christmas The children will explore the Christmas Story through listening to songs and singing songs.	My Stories The children will explore stories through listening to songs, singing songs and playing instruments.	Everyone The children will explore the theme of "Everyone" through listening to songs, singing songs and playing instruments.	Our World The children will explore the theme of "Our World" through listening to songs, singing songs and playing instruments.	Big Bear Funk The children will explore different musical styles through listening to songs, singing songs and playing instruments.
1	My Musical Heartbeat The children will explore how we can make friends when we sing together through songs, playing instruments, composing and improvising.	Christmas The children will explore the Christmas Story through listening to songs and singing songs.	Dance, Sing, Play The children will explore how music tells stories about the past through songs, playing instruments, composing and improvising.	Exploring Sounds The children will explore how music makes the world a better place through songs, playing instruments, composing and improvising.	Learning to Listen The children will explore how music helps us to understand our neighbours through songs, playing instruments, composing and improvising.	Having fun with Improvisation The children will explore what songs we can sing to help us through the day through songs, playing instruments, composing and improvising.
2	Pulse, Rhythm and Pitch The children will explore how music helps us to make friends through songs, playing instruments, composing and improvising.	Christmas The children will explore the Christmas Story through listening to songs and singing songs.	Recorders The children will explore how music helps us to work together through playing an instrument.	Playing in an Orchestra The children will explore how music teaches us about the past through songs, playing instruments, composing and improvising.	Inventing a musical story The children will explore how music makes the world a better place through songs, playing instruments, composing and improvising.	Recognising different sounds The children will explore how music teaches us about our neighbourhood through songs, playing instruments, composing and improvising.
3	Writing Music Down The children will explore how music brings us closer together through songs, playing	Christmas The children will explore the Christmas Story through listening to songs and singing songs.	Recorders The children will explore how music helps us to work together through playing an instrument.	Playing in a band The children will explore what stories music tells us about the past through songs, playing	Compose using your imagination The children will explore how music makes the world a better place through	More musical styles The children will explore how music helps us to get to know our community through songs, playing

	instruments, composing and improvising.			instruments, composing and improvising.	songs, playing instruments, composing and improvising.	instruments, composing and improvising.
4	Djembe Drumming The children will learn about pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations through learning to play and perform with the djembe drums.					
5	Melody and Harmony in Music The children will explore how music brings us closer together through songs, playing instruments, composing and improvising.	Christmas The children will explore the Christmas Story through listening to songs and singing songs.	Sing and play in different styles The children will explore how music connects us with the past through songs, playing instruments, composing and improvising.	Compose and chords The children will explore how music makes the world a better place through songs, playing instruments, composing and improvising.	Enjoying musical styles The children will explore how music helps us to get to know our community through songs, playing instruments, composing and improvising.	Freedom to improvise The children will explore how music shapes our way of life through songs, playing instruments, composing and improvising.
6	Young Voices The children will explore how music brings us together and teaches us about our community through songs.	Christmas The children will explore the Christmas Story through listening to songs and singing songs.	Young Voices The children will explore how music brings us together and teaches us about our community through songs.	Yu Studio Grime Music The children will explore how music can be created using technology.	Year 6 Production The children will explore how music helps us to reflect and supports us in preparing for the future..	Year 6 Production The children will explore how music helps us to reflect and supports us in preparing for the future..