Music development plan summary: St Andrew's CE Primary Academy Chardstock Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Rebecca Gilfillan
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Donna Butler
Name of local music hub	Devon
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Charanga, Axe Vale Academy

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.

Our music curriculum is based on the National Curriculum requirements and uses Charanga to support our teaching and learning. Music lessons are held weekly for at least 40 minutes and there is a dedicated part of assembly weekly which covers listening and appraising, covering musical vocabulary and key musical skills.

Lessons are structured through a common structure: appraisal across a range of musical genres and time periods, taught musical skill input, practice session and then compose / improvise / play / sing and perform and appraise to evaluate own performance.

In Years 1 and 2 we use tuned and untuned percussion, in Years 3 and 4 we use recorders and glockenspiels and in Years 5 and 6 we also incorporate music technology.

Our curriculum and progression map is on our website. We ensure that lessons are adapted to the needs of SEND children using pictures and symbols, word mats, smaller guided groups, audio-visual adaptations and pre-teaching and preparation where needed.

We work with Devon Music Hub, Charanga and Axe Valley Academy to enrich our CPD opportunities for staff and provide musical opportunities for the children.

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.

We have regular singing clubs (Years 1-6) who often perform for others - such as at school fairs, Christmas concerts and during assembly times.

We offer peripatetic lesson information on our website giving information of their music teachers covering a wide range of instrument and vocal tuition. Uptake is fairly high and the children have a high level of enjoyment from these lessons. An area of the school is set up with a keyboard to facilitate these lessons, and we have guitars available too. We provide information for parents about BSharp and other musical activities in the local area. We also have a musical provision within our EYFS areas and within our lunchtime provision where children can collaborate to create music. We have musical enjoyment and dance every Friday lunchtime as part of our ‘Disco Friday’ session.

We collaborate with B Sharp (a local music charity) to inspire the children and encourage them to take part in co-curricular music through the Axe Valley Academy and within the local community.

Part C: Musical experiences

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.

We regularly sing in assembly and have opportunities for classes to perform their half termly learning to parental audiences. We have musical performances through the school year -
A Christmas musical nativity for Reception, Years 1 and 2 and a Summer musical for Years 5 and 6. We also take part in an external community concert with the local secondary school and other primary schools.
We have a musician of the month - we look at these in assembly and develop an understanding of a range of genres and musical periods. These cover a range of diverse musicians. We invite local musicians to perform to inspire the children - these vary from year to year. These come from Axe Valley Academy, B Sharp and local adult professional musicians.

In the future

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

We aim to increase the musical ensemble playing across the year groups and develop more opportunities for the children to perform in groups.

Further information

The Department for Education's 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. Devon music hub provides information about music in the local area

B Sharp provides musical opportunities in the local area