

Music development plan summary: Chieveley Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2023-2024
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Charlotte Morris –Knight.
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Berkshire Maestro's.
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

At Chieveley Primary School we aim to give each child an equal chance at playing, listening to and experiencing music.

We have a performing arts curriculum which goes from EYFS to Year 6. This covers 4 areas of music – playing a target instrument, listening and responding to music, Understanding and using the language of music, developing performance awareness and skills. Each year group builds on the skills they learnt previously.

We teach weekly music lesson each half term and this is based on the Charanga Music School Scheme of work. The children have a chance to try out a variety of instruments over their time at Chieveley – starting with percussion instruments in EY and Year 1, drums in Year 2, Glockenspiels in Year 3, recorders in Year 4, ukuleles in Year 5 and using digital tools to create music in Year 6. There are opportunities for the children to perform these instruments and compositions either within lessons or to a wider

audience. These lessons also include many chances for the children to sing a variety of songs.

This year we are starting a partnership with Berkshire Maestros, with them coming in to perform brass instruments to the school and for some year groups to have a go with the instruments. This will lead to some children taking up music lessons. We are planning on having more of these experiences throughout next year.

Each week we have 2 25-minute singing assemblies lead by experienced staff at the school, which gives each child a chance to sing.

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.

At Chieveley School we have choir which meets every week. This is run by a member of school staff and offers the children a chance to perform at various events such as the school fete.

We have a music teacher who comes in weekly to teach the guitar and ukulele to those children who wish to learn. This is a parent paid activity however we will pay for any PPG children who wish to attend.

Starting in September we will be offering piano lessons with a specialist piano teacher, again this will be paid for by parents and PPG children will be subsidised by the school if they wish to attend.

Berkshire Maestros will also be offering lessons following on from their Brass instrument demonstration later this term.

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.

At Chieveley Primary school there are opportunities for each year group to perform in front of an audience throughout the year.

Early Years and KS1 put on a Christmas nativity each year, with Year 2 children taking on the main roles and every other class performing a dance and/or a song. This is performed in front of the whole school and parents from all KS1 classes.

KS2 children put on a carol service in the church every Christmas, with each class performing their own song. This is also a chance for the classes to play the instruments

they have been learning in their music lessons as each class performs a Christmas Carol on their specific instrument. This is performed in front the whole school on one day and parents of KS2 children another day.

At the end of the Spring Term Year 3 and 4 put on a performance for the parents. The Year 4 have the chance to take on the main roles, with Year 3 children being the choir-singing and playing instruments to support the Year 4 children. This is also a chance for some children to take on the more technical roles within a performance, controlling the lighting and music. This is performed to the whole school and to Year 3/4 parents.

At the end of the year the Year 6 children take on the performance, with Year 5 supporting singing and playing instruments. This is performed to the whole school and to Year 5/6 parents.

We have just signed up to the Junior Music Festival next year. This is organised by Berkshire Maestros and involves many schools from West Berkshire. The children will learn several songs and then perform at The Hexagon. This is open to all KS2 children.

In the future

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

- We will continue to teach music lessons within our curriculum and introduce a variety of instruments to all children. This will start to include small performances to the school during assemblies.
- With the introduction of piano lessons and other instruments from Berkshire Maestros we will ensure, where possible, children have time and space to practise their instrument during the school day – at lunchtimes supervised by a member of staff.
- As the children are introduced to more instruments it may be viable to set up a school band or group that would be encouraged to perform at school events such the Christmas fayre or the Carol concert.
- We are hoping that we will continue to perform in Junior Music Festival yearly.