

Music Development Plan

Marshgate Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Valero
Name of local music hub	Richmond Music Trust

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-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

At Marshgate Primary School, our music curriculum is designed to ignite a passion for music in every child. Our goal is to inspire creativity, confidence, and a lifelong love of music. All children have weekly music lessons of either thirty minutes in Reception, forty minutes in Key Stage One or fifty minutes in Key Stage Two. In addition to this, we hold weekly singing assemblies for Reception children and music assemblies on alternating weeks for Years Five/Six and Years Three/Four. In Year Four, children receive free instrumental tuition during the autumn term as part of the 'Wider Opportunities' programme taught by Richmond Music Trust.

Singing and playing tuned percussion instruments are the cornerstones of our music programme - SingUp. SingUp's scheme of work meets the requirements of the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (Expressive Arts), the National Curriculum for Music and suggested approaches of the Model Music Curriculum. In whole class lessons, children have the chance to explore various musical concepts through the three areas of the music curriculum: improvisation and composition, performance, singing and instrumental playing, and listening and appraising. With access to a class set of tuned percussion instruments and a range of un-tuned percussion instruments, they can express themselves freely and develop their musical skills.

We believe that exposure to different musical styles and traditions is essential for broadening children's horizons. At Marshgate, we draw upon the musical experiences and rich and varied cultural backgrounds of our children. We listen to music from around the world and throughout history, fostering cultural understanding and appreciation.

We are adaptive in how we teach music in order to increase access and support for children with special educational needs (SEND). We provide tailored resources and adapt activities to suit individual needs, fostering an inclusive environment that encourages participation and self-expression.

Please see the Music Whole School Curriculum Map in the curriculum section of the Marshgate website for further information.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

Marshgate run two choirs for Years Three and Four and Years Five and Six. These are non-selective and there is no charge to parents. Both choirs have weekly lunch-time rehearsals with Mrs Valero.

There is a wide range of specialist instrumental tuition provided by Richmond Music Trust (RMT). Children can have private music tuition through the RMT during school hours by music teachers who visit the school. Children in Year 1 can start 'Music Makers' which teaches them rhythm and notation in preparation for learning an instrument. Please see the list below detailing which year group children can start particular instruments with RMT:

Instrument	Year group tuition starts
Music makers	Year one course only
Recorder	Year 2 upwards
Piano	Year 2 upwards
Violin	Year 2 upwards
Guitar	Year 2 upwards
Cello	Year 3 upwards
Flute, clarinet, saxophone	Year 3 and 4 upwards
Drums	Year 3 upwards

Please contact Richmond Music Trust directly for further information, including support with fees. <https://www.richmondmusictrust.org.uk/site/>

There are two instrumental clubs Music Bandz and Rock Bandz which run each term as well as M-Tech, a music and media course for children aged 7-11.

Please visit the music notes and school clubs section of the Marshgate website for details of how to apply for a place in the choir, Music Bandz, Rock Bandz, or M-Tech.

<https://www.marshgate.richmond.sch.uk/music-notes/>

Part C: Musical experiences

At Marshgate, we provide numerous opportunities for children to showcase their efforts through school assemblies and concerts, community events, and performances to their peers. These experiences not only help children grow as musicians but also boost their confidence and sense of achievement. The following details some of the opportunities arranged for 2024/2025:

KS1 Nativity Performance
KS2 Carol Concert
Summer Term Instrumental Concert
Music Bandz and Rock Bandz Performances
Orchestra Ensemble Performance Event - Twickenham
Choir at Young Voices
Choirs at PSA Summer Fair
Parent instrumental performances in music assemblies
Children performing or presenting in weekly music assemblies.
Year 6 Production, summer term

In the future

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

We plan to develop stronger links with our nearest secondary school by inviting the Director of Music to come in and talk to the children about their future options for music and music qualifications at secondary school.

We will enhance our parental/family engagement by inviting parents and family members with careers in the music industry to speak to the children about their work and career opportunities in the field during our weekly music assemblies.

We will set up music therapy groups for those identified as likely to benefit the most.