

Music development plan summary: Drayton CofE Junior School

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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Katy Leigh
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Norfolk and Suffolk Music Hub
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.

Every pupil at Drayton Junior School receives one hour of whole class music teaching, taught by a music specialist and delivered in a well-equipped music room.

Children have the opportunity to learn instruments as a whole class as they progress through the school, including the steel drums, ukulele, keyboard and hand bells.

Listening and appraising is an important part of children's music education at the school and they begin every lesson listening to a 'Composer of the Week', learning about where these composers fit into music history and learning about different genres.

Children have many opportunities to compose their own pieces of music and songs during their time at school, using percussion instruments and keyboards for their compositions.

Singing is central to the school's musical education. Children learn songs related to topics they are learning in class. There is a whole school singing session once a week where children will learn a variety of songs from hymns, to pop, folk and rock and roll.

Drayton benefits from a good partnership with The Norfolk and Suffolk Music Hub who provide free Whole Class Instrumental Teaching, giving some classes the opportunity to learn a woodwind instrument for a term.

Class music lessons are differentiated and inclusive to all.

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 Drayton CE Junior School, all children are able to sing in the school choir which meets at lunchtime. There is also a lunchtime ukulele club for children in Year 5&6.

The school offers an after school Samba Band, open to all children and delivered by a visiting Samba expert.

The Norfolk and Suffolk Music Hub provides visiting peripatetic music teachers, enabling children to learn a variety of orchestral instruments as well as the guitar and drums. Children are able to work towards music medals and music exams in orchestral instruments and towards Rock School exams in drums.

iRock provides children with the opportunity to play the guitar, drums, keyboard or sing in a band.

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.

The Norfolk and Suffolk Music Hub organise several events during the year that the children participant in. These have included playing recycled instruments as a large

ensemble at the Royal Norfolk Show, singing songs from around the world at Norwich Theatre Royal and celebrating Spring with other Junior Schools at Norwich Cathedral.

In addition to these organised musical events, we organise other events as a school.

Every year, one class forms an Intergenerational Choir with our local care home, rehearsing every week for a term and culminating in a Christmas concert for parents.

Christmas brings many opportunities for performances – Year 4 Nativity Play and Year 3 Christmas video of songs. The school choir and Years 5&6 also sing at The Switching On of the Christmas Lights, organised by Drayton Parish Council.

The school choir is very busy in the lead up to Christmas, with a school Christmas Service, singing for the residents at the local care home and taking part in St Margaret's Church Carols by Candlelight service. The choir has also on occasions been invited to sing with The Norwich Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra, performing at St. Andrew's Hall at Christmas. In addition, the school choir regularly takes part and performs at church services at St Margaret's Church throughout the year.

The Samba Band takes part in an annual event, performing at The Norfolk County Music Festival.

In the summer term we have our school summer concert, involving the choir, samba band, ukulele band and children who have been learning instruments throughout the year.

iRock puts on a performance for parents each term.

At the end of the school year, Year 6 have the opportunity to act and sing in their Leavers' Show.

In the future

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

Drayton CE Junior School has a rich tradition of musical education, with children being fortunate to have access to a range of quality instruments and specialist teaching. It is the school's aim to continue this tradition and to involve as many children as possible in extra curricular musical opportunities and performance events.