Music development plan summary:
St Mark's Church of England Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
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Name of the school music lead	Emily Sandberg
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Hampshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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.

The music curriculum at St Mark's ensures children take part in a range of musical activities, including singing, playing instruments (percussion, glockenspiels and recorders) and listening to and appraising a variety of music from all around the world and from different time periods.

Music lessons are planned following the Charanga scheme, this scheme is informed by the governments model music curriculum, this ensures there is a clear sequence of learning and curriculum coverage.

Music lessons are taught by class teachers, lessons are an hour long and take place weekly. In these lessons pupils are given opportunities to explore skills and knowledge of rhythm, pitch, tempo, composition and improvisation through practical experiences of singing and playing. Teachers utilise resources for pupils with SEND through the scheme to support pupils with additional educational needs.

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.

Pupils can join the school choir which runs weekly in school. The school choir is free to all pupils from Year 2 through to Year 6. This is a singing ensemble which comprises of around 20 singers. As well as singing as a group pupils have opportunities to practice and perform solos or duets. The choir perform at whole-school events at St Marks Church, like Harvest Festival, as well as events held in the wider community, like 'One Day at Christmas'. This is held at the Farnborough International Exhibition and Conference Centre each year. At this event the choir sing Christmas songs for vulnerable members of the community. Key Stage 2 children are given the opportunity to perform their end of year performance on the stage of a local secondary school.

A Hand Bells club is run in school where pupils learn the skill of bell ringing. Pupils practice ensemble pieces within a small group. The club is available to pupils from Year 1 to Year 4 and is free for pupils to attend.

A Recorder club is also run in school for children in Key Stage 1 to learn to play the recorders before they consolidate their recorder playing in class lessons in Key Stage 2.

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.

Pupils at St Mark's sing in weekly whole-school worship assemblies, learning and practising songs which are then performed at wider whole-school performances at St Mark's Church. Pupils perform at four main events throughout the academic year: the Harvest, Christmas and Easter services, as well as a special Year 6 Leavers' Service at the end of the year also held in the church. Additionally, there is a school carol service, 'Carols Around the Tree' which is held on the school grounds. At this event pupils lead carol singing around a campfire. Parents, carers and members of the wider school community are encouraged to also take part in the communal singing.

On a two year cycle, pupils from KS2 will experience a live music performance (orchestra, jazz band, choir, band, stage production) to see a variety of instruments being used. This will expose the children to a range of live music types and music genres. This will allow children to ask questions about musical knowledge and to better understand a musicians role and background.

Children who play instruments are encouraged to share their instrument playing with the rest of the school by performing in worship. Staff members who play also share their music playing abilities with the school.

In the future

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

To look into further opportunities for peripatetic music lessons to widen music opportunities for the children at St Mark's.

Pupils across St Mark's will be exposed to playing a wider variety of instruments in Music lessons.

KS1 and EYFS pupils will take part in sessions with visiting professional musicians who will perform for the pupils and take part in a Q&A.

Pupils who play an instrument will be invited to perform pieces of music they have been learning to the whole school as part of weekly worship.