

# Music Development Plan Summary: Ben Rhydding Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2023-2024
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Name of the school music lead	Katie Kelly
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Bradford Music and Arts Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Out of the Ark Learn to Rock

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

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.

We strive to inspire children's creativity through music and intend to make it an enjoyable learning experience. We encourage children to participate in a variety of musical encounters and gain a firm understanding of the curriculum through listening, singing, playing, analysing, evaluating, improvising and composing. We aim to build the children's confidence and give them opportunities to express themselves. Children learn to become flexible selves, understanding that the creative process is just as important as the finished performance and we ensure there are real life purposes to provide motivation.

Music is taught by class teachers and HLTAs; it is timetabled for 30 minutes in reception and one hour in years 1-6. We currently deliver the music curriculum from Out of the Ark's scheme *Sparkyard*. Throughout their time at Ben Rhydding, the children will learn how to express their feelings and opinions on a variety of styles of

music across history and learn how to analyse music using subject specific vocabulary. They will access a range of tuned and untuned instruments and in Key Stage 2, they'll learn how to play these using musical notation. As they progress through school, they will use the skills they have acquired to improvise and compose their own music. Whole class recorder lessons are taught in the summer term of Year 3.

Throughout the year, each class will have a real purpose to work towards to inspire and encourage musical expression; this may involve peers, parents/carers or the wider community. These include year groups singing at local retirement homes, singing at local community events, KS1 performing a nativity to peers and parents and Year 6 put on a musical production at the end of the year.

Bradford Music and Arts service provides live music performances both in and outside of school; this year the whole school watched a live performance from The Plumber Drummer in school and Y3 went to our local theatre to experience the film The Snowman with live orchestrations.

Years 1-6 participate in a singing assembly led by teachers every week; we use this time to prepare for whole school celebration events including Harvest, Christmas and Easter which take place in front of parents in school and also at our local church.

## **Part B: Extra-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.

Many of our children participate in private individual instrument lessons during lunch times or after school; these are provided mainly through Learn to Rock but we have links with Bradford Music and Arts Service if your child would like to learn a more traditional instrument.

Learn to Rock offer lessons for drums, electric and classic guitars, keyboard and piano and vocal coaching. Please follow the link below for more information.

<https://www.learntorock.co.uk/>

For the first half of the year, children in KS2 can sign up for our Young Voices choir. This is a weekly extra-curricular club after school where the children learn a variety of songs to perform at a concert in Sheffield. The club costs £4 a week but this includes the admissions and travel expenses.

## 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.

Years 1-6 participate in a twenty-minute singing assembly led by teachers every week; we use this time to prepare for whole school celebration events including Harvest, Christmas and Easter. For our Harvest celebration, the whole school perform to the parents at St John's church. At Christmas, KS1 perform a Nativity to their peers and parents and KS2 perform a carol concert to their parents at St John's church. Some classes also sing carols at local retirement homes and in the past, we have sung at a Christmas event at the local pub and restaurant. At Easter, we tell the Easter story through songs as a whole school and invite our local vicar to join us.

Y6 always put on a musical production that involves singing, dancing and acting. This year our production of Rock Bottom was our most ambitious yet as a lot of the songs required singing in groups with parts overlapping each other.

We annually participate in the *Young Voices* concert, where the children have the opportunity to perform with other schools and guest artists in an arena; it's one of our most popular events of the year and the children always love performing as part of a choir of thousands.

Many of our children participate in private individual instrument lessons during lunch times or after school and we have had some of these children perform in assembly to their teachers and peers.

This year, some year groups have been on trips to the local theatre, The King's Hall in Ilkley, to experience a show; Reception went to see Dear Santa and Y3 went to see The Snowman. The school also got to enjoy a live performance by The Plumber Drummer organised by our local music hub.

## In the future

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

- In the future, we would like to organise for more year groups to attend musical events, concerts or productions. We are a school with a very low number of pupil premium which means we very rarely qualify for grants but we aim to look at ways to give our children these experiences in an affordable way.
- We are also looking at options of finding an external provider who could run a music club or band in the future.