

Music development plan summary: Leverstock Green CE Primary School



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2023/24
Date this summary was published	June 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	October 2024
Name of the school music lead	Jenni Cresswell
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Herts Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Music at St John's

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.

Our school music curriculum can be found here:

<https://www.leverstockgreen.herts.sch.uk/music-2/>

Curriculum music is led by Mrs Cresswell, our music specialist. Each class receives a specialist music lesson each fortnight with EYFS receiving half an hour each week. Pupils with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) are catered for within the lesson, with tasks and activities adapted to their needs. Our curriculum is based on the non-statutory guidance for Key stages 1&2 with supporting materials provided by Sing Up.

Pupils learn to explore their voices from Nursery, culminating in group and solo performances at the end of Year 6. All pupils learn to play the ukulele as part of their curriculum music in Year 5.

Our curriculum is based on the 'Sing Up' resource and tailored to fit our context. In early years it has links to all areas of learning and in KS1 and KS2 covers all national curriculum statements. It progresses throughout in use of skills and knowledge, in addition to subject specific vocabulary.

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.

Instrumental lessons are offered in addition to curriculum music. We partner with Herts Music Service to provide tuition. Parents can sign up their child for a wide range of instrumental or vocal lessons. Current take up includes piano and guitar. Some lessons are individual and some are taught in small groups.

Our music specialist runs two choirs; one for KS1 pupils and the other for KS2. These take place during lunch times and are free of charge. Herts Music Service, our local music hub, provide the opportunity for pupils to extend their ukulele skills in Year 6 by offering an extra-curricular club free of charge.

Herts Music Service offers a range of specialist days, such as 'Guitar Grooves'. Although these take place during the school day, attendance at these events is always authorised when formally requested by parents. They also offer instrumental lessons at the local music centre during the evenings and at weekends. There is an instrument loan scheme available for those who need it.

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/music-centres-in-hertfordshire/dacorum-music-school-hemel-hempstead.aspx>

Remission of fees is available for pupils in receipt of pupil premium funding or those in the care of the local authority.

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.

Our school enjoys a weekly singing worship, led by our music specialist. As children enter collective worship, they have music to listen to of varying genres to expand their repertoire of musical styles.

Our school provides many opportunities for pupils to perform throughout the year. For example, every class will have a sharing assembly for the rest of the school and parents once a year and this will include at least one song and occasionally some instrumental playing. Pupils have other opportunities to showcase their singing, such as our regular services in church; e.g. Harvest, Christmas (led by Reception), Easter and Leavers' Service.

In the Spring term, the school holds a soiree evening. This gives all pupils the opportunity to showcase their talents. We invite pupils to perform, whether their music lessons take place in school time or not. These evenings are always very well received by parents and carers.

As part of our cultural capital/enrichment planning, UKS2 pupils are given the opportunity to participate in UNISONG each summer term (a singing day held by Music at St John's in conjunction with Herts Music Service.) We also plan for every child to experience live musical theatre during their time at Leverstock Green. This is usually through a trip to the West End for Year 4 to see Matilda in the Spring term.

Whenever possible, pupils are offered opportunities to experience live music. This might be through Herts Music Service offering assemblies or the local secondary school bringing GCSE students to perform.

In the future

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

We intend to provide each class with a weekly music lessons, taught by a specialist teacher. However, current budget restraints prevent this.

Working with Herts Music Service, we want to increase the number of pupils receiving instrumental lessons. We will aim to achieve this by exposing pupils to a greater number of instruments, primarily through music assemblies. We also aim to work with Electric Umbrella to promote music for people with SEND.

Further information (optional)

Herts Music Service website: <https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/hertfordshire-music-service.aspx>

Music at St John's website: <https://www.masj.org.uk/>

The school was awarded the Music Mark in 2020/21.