

St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School



MUSIC CURRICULUM STATEMENT

Intent

At St Mary of the Angels Primary School, we strive to cultivate a real enjoyment of music and aim to deliver high-quality music teaching, supporting and encouraging all children to achieve their full potential. Through Music at St Mary's we aim to: foster a love and understanding of music through active involvement in listening, appraising, composing and performing; enable children's personal expression, reflection and emotional development through music making, both individually and together; and promote the understanding and appreciation of the richness and diversity of world cultures, styles, times and periods

Implementation

- Opportunities for cross-curricular links are taken, wherever possible, to link music with other subject areas and learning themes. Through our music curriculum, children learn to sing together, appreciate and analyse a variety of musical pieces from throughout the eras and the world, play musical instruments with their peers, identify musical features in pieces and use this to compose, practise and perform their own pieces.
- As well as whole-class music lessons which all children engage with, St Mary's also provides other opportunities for children to experience music: peripatetic music tuition is on offer for children to learn the violin ; all children take part in whole school singing; and children have the opportunity to attend a musical performance or workshop at school e.g. Keystings Music Company and travelling theatre performances . We also encourage opportunities to perform to the school and the wider community via a junior end of year production, Christmas Nativity , Violin Concert and other choir performances.
- Children are encouraged to partake in school-based extra-curricular KS2 Choir run by members of staff. Extra-curricular music trips are also offered, giving children the opportunity to perform alongside the wider community, for example, at the Liverpool Philharmonic Festival and the Amazing community event. Participating in and performing music is used to enhance and celebrate our religious festivals throughout the year.

Impact

Children build their skills in listening, appraising and performing music throughout their time at St Mary's. This includes reading musical notation whilst performing. They are able to manipulate different instruments and enjoy creating pieces together. They perform well in whole class sessions both working in groups and individually. Throughout their time at St Mary's children are encouraged to review the work they produce and practise to perfect it. Therefore, the music that children create is of a high standard.