

Music development plan summary: Aldermoor Farm Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	E Seakens and C Allie
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Heart of England Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Coventry Music

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.

Aldermoor Farm's Vision for Music

At Aldermoor Farm Primary School, we believe that music lessons should enable our children to become musicians and develop a love of music. We share the gift of music through a focus on the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to develop our children into **courageous** performers, thoughtful listeners and competent composers. Our music curriculum also teaches children to be team players and leaders, creative thinkers and problem solvers, as well as enabling our children to feel empowered as they overcome challenges. We believe that music is more than just a source of entertainment, it is a powerful form of expression, developing the mind. boosting self-confidence and encouraging **resilience**. We know that music connects cultures and generations and celebrate both modern and traditional music from a variety of cultures. We believe that music is for all and teach our children to be musically **aspirational**.

Part A: Curriculum music

Music is a timetabled discrete lesson that takes place weekly in Years 1 to 6 and musical development is integrated throughout the EYFS Curriculum. Our music lessons in Early Years have focus towards achieving the Early Learning Goals, with particular focus on Being Imaginative and Expressive, and learning in Key Stages One and Two work towards the National Curriculum. Throughout school, we use the Kapow scheme of work for music and have selected units that align with the Model Music Curriculum and promote appropriate progression. Children access lessons that allow them to develop understanding across four strands of music: Performing, Listening, Composing, and The History of Music. Current timetabling allows for these timetabled music curriculum lessons from Kapow to last for 40 minutes.

Throughout music lessons at Aldermoor Farm, children have many opportunities to sing and explore a variety of instruments, with particular focus on percussion, both tuned and untuned. In Years 3 and 5, children learn an instrument from a specialist organised through the Coventry Music Hub. Each Year 3 class spends an hour a week for a term learning to play the ukulele and each Year 5 class spends an hour a week for a term learning to play the fife or flute. In Years 4 and 6, children have access to whole class instrumental lessons, from Kapow, where they explore tuned percussion instruments with greater focus. As appropriate, we liaise with Coventry Music to provide adapted instruments for pupils with different mobility needs.

To further develop listening skills and pupils' understanding the history of music, we learn about and share the music of a different musician each half term. Musicians are carefully chosen to cover a wide range of genres and time periods, whilst also aiming to promote inclusion and celebrate the diversity of our pupils. Our Musician of the Half Term is on a rolling programme, so pupils develop an appreciation and awareness of many different artists across their time at our school. Our Musician of the Half Term is shared in celebration assemblies but also in an additional supplementary music lesson for Key Stage Two that lasts for 20 minutes and takes place once a week. Children listen to and appraise songs from each artist using the musical skills and knowledge they have acquired in their main curriculum music lessons.

Part B: Music tuition, choirs and ensembles

At Aldermoor Farm, we offer lunchtime music clubs free of charge. These include a singing club in Key Stage One, a choir in Key Stage Two and as of this academic year, we have a ukulele group running for children in Years 3 and 4. These clubs are designed to celebrate the love of music but also to allow our children to progress their musical skills outside of curriculum time.

We also help to arrange music tuition, through both Coventry Music and Link Learning, for pupils who wish to pursue an instrument further. These sessions are paid for by families and are either one-to-one or shared lessons. Lessons through Coventry Music

also include the hire of an instrument for the individual to use for practise. LAC students are entitled to free music tuition, through Virtual School, should they wish to learn an instrument.

Part C: Musical experiences

Musical opportunities at Aldermoor Farm reach beyond curriculum music and tuition and performances are integrated across school life. Every child in school can perform at least once in each year at school. Performances from the children include singing in nativities or winter performances, Young Voices (Year 5), instrument performances (Years 3 and 5) and the end of Year 6 celebration performance. Our children also get the chance to enjoy watching performances throughout the year, including a performance each term from Coventry Music, a yearly theatre trip and a visit from Rock Kids.

In the future

To further improve music at Aldermoor Farm, we aim to investigate ways to extend the time for curriculum music so that every child receives an hour of learning each week. We also aim to improve the musical links between our school and other schools, particularly with local secondary schools to support our Year 6 leavers.