



Music Intent, Implementation and Impact

Intent

At St Cuthbert's Primary School, we understand that music is a powerful, unique form of communication that can change the way pupils feel, think and act. Music is a way of expressing oneself and it can highly influence their personal development. It brings together intellect and feeling and enables personal expression, reflection and emotional development. We strive to develop pupils' ability to listen and appreciate a wide variety of music and make judgements about musical quality.

Implementation

Charanga

Planning is based on the "Charanga" scheme of work which has been designed to ensure a broad and balanced music curriculum. There is a wide choice of music available focussing on various genres of musical styles, incorporating the History of Music into the children's learning. Each lesson can include listening to and appraising music of a particular genre, singing, use of the musical elements in games, playing instruments, composing, improvising and performing. The skills covered progress throughout the year groups. The scheme focuses on building skills throughout a half term and progressing to a performance piece at the end.

Musical Instruments Lessons

In Years four, five and six children receive specialist ukulele lessons provided by Newcastle Music Service. The lessons include listening, copying rhythms, handling and playing the ukulele, reading different forms of notation and a performance of their achievements at the end of the unit.

Singing

All children perform in our Christmas productions. Children also have the opportunity to show their musical skills during our annual 'St Cuthbert's Got Talent.' Children have weekly hymn practice which enables them to build their singing techniques. We also have a school choir for Key Stage two. The school choir have opportunities to perform within school and at other events such as Newcastle Music Service 'The Big Gig.'

Monitoring

Monitoring Music will be monitored by using the video evidence collected during Charanga lessons, or in any other music related activities. The evidence is stored in class folders on Staff Shared in the Curriculum Music folder. Music Floor books will also be monitored.

Impact

Music Teaching at St Cuthbert's will lead to the children making progress in musical skills and knowledge. Children will gain confidence in their musical abilities and will be able to enjoy and appreciate music. With our music curriculum children can develop their musical passions, which we hope they will continue to practice and develop throughout school and into adulthood.