Curriculum Design & Sequencing of Content

We provide children with a knowledge-rich curriculum that is ambitious and designed to build skills for our children which progress throughout their school career.

Music topics are organised into strands which progress and build on children's prior knowledge and understanding. All year groups study a music strand each term and coverage builds from reception through to year 6.

Instrumental tuition and whole class lessons

Within school, pupils from year 2 are offered opportunities to learn an instrument outside of the classroom. Fully qualified tutors come in to school to teach in small groups or individually. Instruments offered include the violin, woodwind, guitars and drums. In addition, recorders are used as part of the regular music lessons in years 3 and 5.



Music Leader

Our Curriculum leader, Ann Woodward, is responsible for developing the music curriculum, delivering training on music planning and teaching across the school and oversees extra-curricular music activities in school.

Music at Cropwell Bishop Primary School

Music forms an important part of our curriculum. We follow the National curriculum and embrace a broad-spectrum of stimulating topics. As a school, we aim to inspire curiosity and fascination about music in a school setting and in the wider community. We strive to develop each child's musical skills as performers, listeners and composers through well planned, engaging and challenging curriculum lessons. Music beyond the classroom forms a major part of learning in music and at Cropwell Bishop, pupils are offered a wide range of opportunities to learn instruments as extra-curricular activities.

When planning and teaching music lessons each will incorporate our 'Musical Lens':-

Musical Lens

- Performing
- ♦ Composing
- ♦ Listening
- Appraising (review and evaluation)

Mass music making opportunities

There are regular opportunities for our pupils to perform whilst at school, whether during nativity and KS2 performances or as part of our music assemblies. Our school choir take part in a mass singing event across the EQT, at the Nottingham Albert Hall every year, which involves upwards of 400 singers each time.

Community links

At CBPS we value the links we have with the community

At Christmas, our year EYFS and KS1 children put on a Nativity, which is performed to parents, grandparents, residents at our local care home and Lime Trees. In the summer term, the year ends with a KS2 production: this is performed during the school day for grandparents and Lime Trees and there are two evening performances to family members. Both the nativity and the summer production are full of songs and are always looked forward to.