

Music at Cropwell Bishop Primary School

Ann Woodward is responsible for developing the music curriculum, delivering training on music planning and teaching across the school and oversees and runs extra-curricular music activities in 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. At Cropwell Bishop, pupils are offered a wide range of opportunities to learn instruments as part of extra-curricular activities. We also offer pupils performance opportunities across a diverse range of concert genres, from small informal sing-outs within our local community, to large scale performing experiences, with up to 1000 other performers.

Musical Lens

Our music curriculum is well planned and incorporates four main areas of learning, which is then subdivided into the nine interrelated areas of music. These are our music lens.

Pupils are taught to:

- ◆ Perform
- ◆ Compose
- ◆ Listen
- ◆ Appraise (review and evaluate)

Within these broader learning bands, pupils then focus on the interrelated lens which are:

1. Pulse	2. Rhythm	3. Pitch
4. Tempo	5. Dynamics	6. Timbre
7. Texture	8. Structure	9. Notation

Our lessons are planned to include an in depth understanding of how these elements are combined to inform the performer, composer and listener within music. Pupils are then given opportunities to evaluate their musical contributions within their understanding of these lens, in order to progress, improve and make changes to their work.

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.

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.