

Music development plan summary: Cranford Park CE Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Lydia Howard/ Chanel Lucas
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Hampshire Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

Part A: Curriculum music

At Cranford Park, we use the 'Sing Up' scheme to teach Music to all children from EYFS to Year 6. During lessons, children are exposed to all of the Musical strands identified in the Model Music Curriculum (MMC) and National Curriculum: singing, listening and appraising, composing and performing.

Throughout a child's learning journey of Music at Cranford Park, they will be exposed to a broad and diverse range of repertoire to support their Musical development and awareness of other cultures.

When new units are introduced to children, they become familiar with the outcomes they will work towards, as well as important musical terminology that will arise throughout the unit. Each lesson starts with revealing the learning objective and the small steps required, in order to successfully achieve it. As we are keen on children developing as keen and skilled musicians, each lesson contains a warm up activity. This is age appropriate for each unit and involves children practically warming up their voice and bodies in preparation for the rest of the lesson.

The rest of a lesson will focus upon the different elements of musicianship through a range of practical activities, engaging videos and visually interesting slides. There are always opportunities for children to perform their work and receive feedback from their peers, demonstrating the musicianship skill of appraising.

At the end of each unit, children are assessed against the unit's KPI target and this is recorded as part of foundation subject data.

Music is taught by class teachers and HLTA's during PPA cover.

In EYFS, units are set out into four 3-lesson units per term to give 12 units across the academic year. Each unit contains 30-minute lessons and some include advice for activities that can then be implemented into Continuous Provision.

In KS1, units are organised into 6 and 3-lesson blocks and each lesson is 40-minutes long. Likewise in KS2, units are also organised into 6 and 3-lesson blocks, but lessons increase in duration to 50 minutes.

Sing Up also provides opportunities for teachers to implement whole class teaching of certain instruments. This will become a target for development during the 2024-2025 academic year at Cranford Park. Instrumental units are intended to be interchanged with all units for one term.

Cranford Park also has a good partnership with the Hampshire Music Service. Each year, we are given the opportunity to participate in a block of instrumental workshops. Previously, children have learnt the basic skills of how to play instruments such as ukulele and steel pan drums.

Part B: Co-curricular music

Hampshire Music service offers peripatetic music lessons to all KS2 children. The children receive these instrumental lessons in an afternoon in small groups. Children are given the opportunity to learn the following instruments: guitar, piano and ukulele. The children then perform the pieces they have been working throughout a school year to the rest of the school and parents to celebrate the progress they have made.

A choir club is also available for children to participate in. This runs as an after-school club once a week. Children learn a variety of songs from different genres and again, perform these to audiences such as children, parents, care home residents and the general public. Many of the songs chosen are suggestions from children, demonstrating the importance of pupil voice. There is no audition process required for a child to be in choir as we believe in equal opportunities for everybody and skills can also be refined further by teachers that deliver Music confidently.

Part C: Musical experiences

We believe that Music is an integral part of children's development. Therefore, we offer a range of activities that allow children to be engaged in Music and to enrich their cultural capital further.

Every week, the whole school participates in a singing Assembly. During this time, new songs are taught to children and performed. The songs chosen often are used in end of term outcomes, such as Harvest service, Easter service, end of year service. As Cranford Park is a church school, we believe in teaching children a range of songs that celebrate Christianity and the importance of a unique and dynamic school society. 'This little light of mine' has become the school song, linking to our school strap line 'let your light shine'. Children also sing these songs during other collective worship assemblies throughout the week. Some of our Assemblies are delivered by members of our local church, St Peter's in Yateley.

In order to celebrate diversity and develop children's cultural capital, we have implemented 'Music of the week'. Each half term, the Music pieces chosen have a particular theme which will interest the children. In a Monday collective worship Assembly, the new piece of Music for the week is introduced to the children, alongside useful musical terminology that can be used to describe it. The songs are also played during quiet working times in classrooms so children can continue the musical discussion in their working spaces.

Please see below the Music themes explored in the academic year 2023/2024

Music of the week breakdown 2023/2024

Autumn 1	Classical Music	Chopin, Mozart, Vivaldi, Pachelbel, Tchaikovsky, Rossini
Autumn 2	Film Music	Harry Potter, Star Wars, Wallace and Gromit, ET, Monsters' Inc, Toy Story, Polar Express, Home Alone
Spring 1	Choirs	One Voice Children's Choir, Boys' Choir Dagilelis, Choirs from BGT and AGT
Spring 2	World Music	Cuban, Irish, African, Spanish, Chinese
Summer 1	Songs from the Musicals	Cats, Phantom of the Opera, Evita, Starlight Express, Joseph, Jesus Christ Superstar
Summer 2	Songs from the Musicals	Six, Les Miserables, Wicked, Everybody's Talking about Jamie, Lion King, Frozen, School of Rock

Each term, the children have an opportunity to sing and perform in the following services:

- Harvest
- Christmas
- Easter
- Summer (Year 6 leavers service)

All of these services are conducted at St Peter's Church. In each service, there are opportunities for children to perform readings and sing songs relevant to the occasion that we are celebrating.

At Christmas time, all of KS1 perform a nativity style performance for parents to celebrate the meaning of Christmas. This is performed on a stage in the school hall and everyone is invited to watch. By doing a KS1 production, we hope to instil a life-long love of Music for children from a very young age.

Also at Christmas, all children have the opportunity to watch a pantomime performed by a dramatic company 'Treehouse Theatre'. The company come to school and bring all of their costumes and props and put on a production that will appeal to all children from EYFS to Year 6. The interactive production involves singing, dancing and acting for all to take part in.

During the summer term, Upper KS2 (Years 5 and 6) perform a production. For the academic year 2023-2024, the children performed 'Cinderella and Rockerfella'. The children learnt a variety of songs and these were also accompanied by dance and drama. This is performed at the local secondary school in a proper theatre set up. All of KS1 and lower KS2 are also invited to watch the dress rehearsal performances too.

Year 6 children annually attend a leavers service held at Winchester Cathedral by the Diocese in the summer term. During the day, the children take part in a range of activities such as a self-led tour of the cathedral, a calligraphy workshop and finally a service where they sing songs to celebrate Christianity and the new journey they are about to embark on.

We also hold an annual summer arts festival where children get to sing, dance and act. Those who receive peripatetic music lessons showcase the pieces they have been working on through the school year and the show includes snippets from the upcoming production. The choir perform and small groups of children showcase what they have been working during indoor Gym and Dance PE lessons. Each child also gets an opportunity to produce a piece of framed artwork for their parent to then purchase from the school's art gallery during the festival too. The staff are also able to participate and let their shine!

Each year, we are fortunate enough to receive some workshops through the Hampshire Music Service. This year, Years 4 and 5 received weekly ukulele sessions over the course of four weeks. They learnt how to hold the instrument, how to play it and other playing techniques. In previous years, the children have had exposure to instruments such as samba percussion and steel pan drums.

Every term, each class leads an Assembly, based on the current school value or theme being explored in Collective Worship for that term. At the end of the Assembly, the class perform a song that is linked to the value to emphasise the importance of meaning through song.

In the future

We are planning on enriching children's musical interests and experiences in a variety of different ways as outlined below.

For our KS2 Christmas performance in 2024, the children will be learning some traditional Christmas carols in different languages to extend their cultural capital. They will also have the opportunity to learn some sign language that they can perform when singing some Christmas songs to demonstrate the importance of inclusion and equality for all within our community.

Our Music committee want to recognise and celebrate all gifted and talented musicians that we have within our school. Therefore, we will be giving them the chance to perform in whole school collective worships to emphasise their courage, creativity and compassion, our three school values that all children should uphold.

The school's music committee will meet on a termly basis to discuss the progress of Music within the school and further areas for development. Any feedback from staff or children will be welcomed at this meeting and discussed by the committee. Through these regular meetings, we hope to continue to raise the profile of Music at Cranford Park Primary School.

In the school academic year 2024/2025, we will be introducing 'Irock school of Music'. Irock school of Music offers in-school rock and pop band lessons. These lessons are delivered by highly experienced band coaches and helps children to develop their music skills, but also life skills and confidence that provide a solid foundation for later life. Children can receive these 30-minute lessons a week to develop their skills of voice, guitar, drums or keyboard.

In the school year 2024/2025, we will be taking the Cranford Park KS2 school choir to perform at the Young Voices event in London. We are hoping that this will attract more choir members who are passionate about singing and to emphasise the mental health benefits that singing and performing has to offer.

A choir club for KS1 children is also going to be set up for those budding singers who enjoy singing and want to develop their performance skills.

During the Spring term of 2025, Year 3 and Year 4 will be putting on a Spring production to showcase their talents and it gives children the chance to apply all the skills they have learnt in their Music lessons to a performance.

We are also holding a fundraising concert for school in March 2025 which will take place at St Peters' Church. The local Oasis Choir will also perform, showcasing their talents and our choir will perform some of their repertoire too.

Throughout the year, the school will attend and host community tea parties where the children will be able to perform to residents of the local community. The school choir will also be performing at the local care home 'Willow Gardens' to residents each term.

To enable all children to have the opportunity to learn an instrument, we will be implementing whole class teaching of Ukulele. Every class each year will be allotted a term in which they will learn how to play Ukulele in their weekly Music lessons. The lessons will be taught using the 'Sing Up' scheme where progression is clearly demonstrated across year groups. The children will also be able to purchase a Ukulele through school if they wish to have their own to take home and bring in for lessons.

Calendar of 2024/2025 musical events at Cranford Park

September	African drumming workshops for the whole school
October date TBC	Harvest festival at St Peter's Church
30 th November	Choir performing at Yateley Christmas Fayre
December date TBC	Treehouse Theatre pantomime performance to the whole school
9 th December	Choir performing at the Yateley Choral Society Carol Concert
19 th December	KS2 Christmas Service at St Peter's Church
December	KS1 nativity performances
Spring date TBC	Y3/Y4 Spring production
February-March date TBC	Young Voices at the O2 Arena
Spring date TBC	Easter service at St Peter's Church
March date TBC	Cranford Park Music committee fundraising concert at St Peter's Church with the Oasis Choir
27 th March	Musical Theatre Day
June date TBC	Year 6 Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral
June date TBC	Summer Arts Festival
21 st June	Music Day
July	Y5/Y6 Summer production

Music of the week themes 2024/2025

Autumn 1	Carnival of the Animals
Autumn 2	Teacher's favourite musical pieces
Spring 1	Planets
Spring 2	Songs about famous people
Summer 1	National anthems
Summer 2	Acapella groups