

Music development plan summary: Coalway Community Infant School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Kirsty Goodland
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Make Music Gloucestershire
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

Part A: Curriculum music

This is about what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

At Coalway Community Infant School, our aim is to enable our children to learn to sing, play an instrument and create music together. We believe that all children, regardless of background, should have access to a high-quality music education. We will also provide our children with the opportunity to learn an instrument through Whole-Class Ensemble Teaching, delivered by Gloucestershire Music.

By the end of the EYFS, children should be able to: sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs, perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music.

We deliver a broad and balanced music curriculum in line with national curriculum requirements. Through our music lessons, we focus on developing imagination and creativity, building up pupils' knowledge, skills and understanding. We deliver an hour a week of high quality music lessons through the Kapow Music scheme. We assess the

learning through a variety of means including listening to and observing children talking about music, making music, exploring music, responding to music and using notations when appropriate

We understand that music opportunities will support children's mental health and allow them time to express their emotions. Children will perform, listen to and analyse critically, sing, improvise and compose music, understanding the musical elements as building blocks within music.

Part B: Co-curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

All pupils at Coalway Community Infant School will have the opportunity to participate in a 10 week whole-class ensemble instrument tuition delivered by Gloucestershire Music Hub. This has, so far, been violin and recorders. Pupil premium supports the funding of these important opportunities. Pupils have the opportunity to develop this further by attending after school music tuition at another local school. This is also run by Gloucestershire Music. Parents have the opportunity to hire instruments to support this.

During the year, Coalway Infant School offers an after school singing club which provides the opportunity to sing for fun and enjoyment. This may also provide opportunities for performance in the future.

Part C: Musical experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

At Coalway Infant School, we give all children as many opportunities for singing and performing as possible. For example, singing assemblies take place every week where children learn and practise assembly songs, both traditional and modern, and these are performed to parents, at Harvest, Christmas, Easter and the Y2 leavers' service.

Introduced from 2024-25, the Y2 pupils will visit The Court Yard Theatre in Hereford where they will experience a Pantomime, a quality theatrical, musical experience.

Each term, a year group will perform in a musical performance. Parents and the local nursery pupils are invited to attend as members of the audience.

Through the Music Hub, visiting musicians perform to the pupils, allowing pupils to experience live performance. On-line live performances, for example from the national orchestra, are also arranged to provide experiences from different musical genre.

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

We plan to have more musical opportunities for after school clubs, such as external music and dance teachers being able to draw on and develop pupils' musical abilities and interests which would work towards a school performance.

As part of working within the community, we would like to investigate the possibility of singing groups visiting the local retirement home.

We would like to link with the local Coalway Junior School and Five Acres High School, to be invited as a member of the audience at their performances.

Further information

For more information on music education, please see the following links:

Music education: information for parents and young people

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people>

Gloucestershire Music Hub: www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk