



Music development Plan Summary: Claycots Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of local music hub	Slough Music Services
Name of music education	Sing Education

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, along with what changes we are planning in future years. This information is to help parents and carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

Part A: Curriculum Music

Curriculum

To ensure our music provision at Claycots School is to a high standard, our whole class music lessons are delivered by music specialists from Sing Education. The music curriculum is made up of half-termly units, with step-by-step progression, always building on prior knowledge and skills, giving children the opportunity to consolidate, deepen and progress their rich musical skill set. The lessons follow the model music curriculum, a full link to the medium-term overview can be found by clicking this [link](#).

Lesson timings

- Reception – Year 2 have 30 minutes of whole class teaching per week
- Year 3 – Year 4 have 40 minutes of whole class teaching per week
- Year 5 – Year 6 have 45 minutes of whole class teaching per week
- Year 1 – 6 have approximately 30 minutes Singing assembly every 2 weeks (this gives children more opportunity to sing as an ensemble)

Lesson content

- In lessons, children have the opportunity to play a number of different instruments such as glockenspiel, Ukulele, Jamba drums, tambourines and more.
- During lessons, children develop independent composition as well as playing as an ensemble.
- In all year groups, children are exposed to a range of musical genres including classical music. Children explore the various components that make up the music such as pitch, dynamics etc and these are continued to be built on as they progress through year groups.



Part B: Co-curricular music

At Claycots we have a range of opportunities which enrich our pupil's musical education outside of the classroom.

- After school Choir club is open to all Key Stage 2 children to develop their vocals. The choir provides a range of opportunities for our pupils to perform at school events and around the local community for example Christmas Carol concerts. They also have the amazing experience of singing along with other pupils around the country at Young Voices which is a concert at Wembley Stadium with a live orchestra.
- Rock Steady is an optional club within the school which is run by a talented team who teach the children how to play a range of musical instruments such as drums, and guitar as well as singing. Rock Steady holds multiple performances throughout the school year for other pupils and parents.
- As part of our outdoor provision in Early Years we have a range of musical instruments to help encourage and inspire a love of music. During whole class lessons, the children also learn a wide range of nursery rhymes and songs to help support other areas of their learning from Maths, phonics and speaking and listening skills.
- KS1 and KS2 outdoor provision also includes instruments such as glockenspiels to encourage children across the whole school to develop musical exploration.

Part C: Musical experiences

At Claycots our curriculum is rich with a range of experiences for our children. We believe it is important for children to have a large cultural capital so that they can draw upon experiences to help inspire their creativity.

- Fortnightly singing assemblies help the children develop skills to sing as an ensemble.
- End of year musical productions and leavers assemblies for Year 6 provide the pupils with opportunities to learn a range of singing skills such as rounds and harmonies.
- Trips such as the Young Voices concert and Christmas Carols allow the children to show case their talents further afield.
- Rock Steady Performances provide children with a platform to demonstrate what they have learnt to their parents.
- During World Music Day we organise events and activities across the school for pupils to explore different genres of music from around the world and be experimental with developing their own music style.



In the Future

At Claycots we believe in excellence, and we want the very best future for every child. Therefore, we have high ambitions for the music curriculum we provide for our pupils. Over the next year we aim to develop our music offer even further so that we inspire more children to explore their musical talents and provide a provision that is rich with musical experiences and opportunities for all. Below we have outlined our aims for the year.

- Expand the range of music clubs and tuition on offer by utilising our specialised music teachers, this will include children having the opportunity to learn to play a range of musical instruments.
- Promoting a love of music through exposure of different live performances in school.
- Ensuring support is offered to families who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding so that pupils have fair access to clubs and trips.
- Provide pupils with more opportunities to show case their talents through music and art events across the year in collaboration with Sing Education.