

Music development plan summary for *Park Hill Junior School 2024/25*

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Olivia Buckley
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Heart of England Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

This is a summary of how Park Hill 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.

Park Hill has a commitment to music throughout our school. Children talk very positively about their lessons.

- “I enjoy learning new songs from around the world.”
- “It’s great when you hear it back and it sounds good. You feel proud.”
- “It helps to develop our listening skills.”
- “Everyone can enjoy music and learn new skills.”

Our school curriculum covers the requirements set out in the National Curriculum. We follow the Charanga scheme in all year groups except Year Three.

Lessons give all children the opportunity to listen and appraise, sing, play, perform and compose. There is also opportunity to improvise. They use both glockenspiels and

percussion instruments. Videoing is used so children appraise performance and improve.

Year 3 all have the opportunity to learn a tuned instrument: currently the ukulele. Year 3 music lessons are led by a specialist from the newly formed Heart of England Music Hub.

Hour long lessons take place weekly during three half terms of the year. All children also take part in weekly singing assembly where the children learn whole school songs and experience the pleasure of singing together.

Our music curriculum is inclusive. Pupils with SEND are supported through adaptations such as a quieter environment, 1:1 adult support. Teachers plan adaptations so that all children are included.

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.

Children at Park Hill have a wide choice when choosing an instrument to learn. These lessons are provided by visiting peripatetic teachers. These are private lessons and take place during school time. We currently have 90 children learning a variety of instruments.

In Year Three, children can continue to learn the violin with our peripatetic violin teacher.

- From Year 4, the choice widens; we have a selection of visiting music teachers that can teach violin, drums, guitar, brass, woodwind and singing. These lessons take place in either our music room or The Hub.
- The costings and pupil premium subsidy are listed below:

Group Lessons	£7.38
Individual 20 Minute	£14.72
Individual 30 Minute	£22.06

The school currently subsidise these costs for PP children by 50%.

Children can also take part in our rock band. Rehearsals take place on a Friday after school.

Glee Club is our school choir. This is open to all children and is led after school by two of our teachers.

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 Park Hill, we value the opportunity to perform music live. There are many performances throughout the year.

Sing Up Day is our annual opportunity to sing as a whole federation. Each year group shares a different song and then we all sing together too.

All children who learn an instrument in or outside of school can take part in our Spring Concert.

Children in Glee club perform at the Young Voices concert and our annual Park Hill Spring Concert.

Our rock band perform at a variety of events during the year including the spring concert and our fairs.

Year 6 all take part in the end of year production. Past productions have included The Lion King, Mary Poppins and Aladdin.

Years 3 and 4 take part in our nativity which includes whole group, small group singing and some solos.

Also, at Christmas we have our annual carol concert in one of our local churches. All children learn a variety of traditional and more modern Christmas songs.

Our peripatetic teachers often arrange for children to perform in assembly playing a variety of instruments.

The Buckingham cup is our annual music show. This takes place during school time at the end of the summer term. All children are welcome to perform. A winner is chosen from Year 3/4 and Year 5/6.

The whole school has the opportunity to experience a live performance during our visit to the theatre in the autumn term. Previous visits have been to the Birmingham Rep theatre.

We welcome visiting musicians to school who perform for us and share information about instruments. These visits cover a range of genres, including medieval music.

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for the academic year 24/25:

We have four strategic aims:

- Create a shared strategy for music assessment in lessons
- Introduce more opportunities to use technology as part of music lessons
- Provide more opportunities to appraise music as part of lessons and as a whole school
- Develop our annual “Sing Up Day” to include activities with links to a diverse range of composers and varied musical genres.