

Music development plan summary: Blean Primary School 2024-2025



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Helen Coleman
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Kara Satterley
Name of local music hub	Kent Music
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.

Music is fully embedded in every aspect of Blean school life and our aspiration is that every child adopts a lifelong love of music. To build on the musical horizons of each child, we strongly believe that children should be given the opportunity to share their musical skills at different events both in and outside of school. All children have access to whole class instrument tuition with opportunities to develop their skills through high quality peripatetic tuition. Learning music develops all aspects of a child's learning from the physical action of playing an instrument to the mathematical skills needed to keep a pulse. Children have the opportunity to critically engage with high quality live and recorded music which in turn informs their own improvisation and composition of pieces. Social, Moral, Social and Cultural development is fully embedded in our Music curriculum. We support children who are less confident, whilst encouraging them to flourish and become poised performers.

At Blean Primary School, we are partnered with Kent Music School. Each week, a teacher from Kent Music leads a violin lesson for Year 4 pupils, this takes place weekly for the entire academic year. In addition to this, each year group from Year 2 onwards has a set instrument that they learn to play in the music curriculum. In EYFS music is embedded in the curriculum and children are able to access a range of instruments tuned and untuned daily. In Year 1, our pupils get to explore a range of percussive instruments before continuing their musical journey from year 2 onwards.

We are fortunate to have a classroom dedicated to music where children can practice. The room includes a wide range of percussion instruments, guitars, keyboards and a piano.

Our curriculum is fully inclusive and adaptive strategies are used, where required, in all year groups.

Please see the music sequence of learning on our school website, this highlights our progressive music curriculum and how it is split into Singing, Listening and Appraising, Creating and Composing and Musicianship.

In addition to curriculum lessons, we hold regular whole school singing lessons/assemblies, led by our Music lead.

This year, pupils have been invited to perform in assemblies and/or accompany the start and end to the whole school activities.

This year we are proud to have achieved the Music Mark 2024-2025. This is in recognition of a commitment to providing a high-quality music education for all children and young people.

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.

Pupils have the opportunity to receive lessons for a number of instruments, including piano, violin, guitar, drums and singing. Pupils are entered for examinations by our three music teachers in piano, guitar and violin. Their achievements are shared with the whole school.

At Blean Primary School we have five 'rock bands' that are taught weekly by Rocksteady. Rocksteady is a leading provider of in-school band lessons for primary age children. Their inclusive approach helps children find a sense of belonging through new friendships and a shared love for music, whilst boosting social skills, wellbeing and confidence. We provide a selected number of bursary places for our pupils. Children can earn an exam-free, Ofqual-regulated music qualification, accredited by Trinity College London. Three times per year, the children perform a concert to parents and peers, demonstrating the talents of their 'rock band'.

Pupils can join a chamber choir, a KS2 choir, pop band club and singing and dancing club. There are opportunities for all our pupils to take part in music making groups.

Children have the opportunity to perform in partnership with Simon Langton Boys Grammar school and other local primary schools at the Gulbenkian Theatre at The University of Kent.

Our Music studio and school hall are two dedicated areas that are used for rehearsals and performances. Both spaces have a tuned piano to support with this.

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.

All children have the opportunity each week to perform individually or in a small group to their peers. In addition to this:

The Key-Stage 2 choir perform at special school events and in assemblies.

Rock bands perform to parents and the wider school three times per year.

At least once a year, the violin groups perform a concert.

In December each year our KS2 chamber choir perform on stage at the Gulbenkian Theatre. This is a public event open to all.

Year 6 always perform an end of year show and a Christmas show which involves singing and when required performances on instruments. This is to the wider school community.

Year 2 always perform a Christmas show which involves singing and percussive instruments. This is to the wider school community.

EYFS and Year 1 perform a Christmas songs concert with singing and percussive instruments. This is to the wider school community.

All of these events are free to pupils.

In the future

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

Each year the music lead and the Deputy Head, meet to complete a subject leader toolkit, this includes an action plan for the forthcoming year.

Current actions are:

- Audit resources for Music
- Invite parents in to listen to children's progress through parent shares/authentic outcomes
- Focus on musical vocabulary in lessons
- Music display in school for raising profile and celebrating successes

We are currently fundraising for a replacement Music Studio which will be a purpose-built unit, that will provide instrument storage and rehearsal space for our music provision and aims to promote music further at Blean Primary School.

Further information

Our vision creates an enriching, inclusive and progressive music curriculum that not only aligns with the seven features of high-quality music provision but also fosters a lifelong appreciation and understanding of music for every child. Through our approach music education is an integral part of the whole child's development.