Music Development Plan Summary: Newton Village Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs C Cowan
Name of local music hub	Westmorland and Furness Cumbria Music Hub

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 taught for approximately 1 hour each week in each class from the Early Years to Year 6. The Kapow scheme of work forms the basis of our curriculum. Pupils are exposed to a wide variety of different genres and musicians, and they experience playing a wide selection of tuned and untuned percussion instruments. Whole class keyboard lessons are taught through Years 3,4,5 and 6.

In Early Years, children explore sound using voices and instruments. They learn a variety of songs and rhymes and have opportunities to make up their own songs and tunes.

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 take part in Young Voices at Manchester each year.
- Children participate in the Barrowful Festival of Colours workshops with a performance at the local theatre.
- Newton Village Academy has a choir made up of Key Stage 2 pupils.

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.

- Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils perform a musical Christmas play/nativity in the autumn term.
- Each class performs songs or a piece of music in front of parents during the Autumn Term Harvest assembly and Spring Term Easter assembly.
- Children get the opportunity to sing in assembly.
- Year 5 and 6 are invited to performances of musical performances by the feeder secondary schools.
- Key Stage 2 children have the opportunity to attend musical performances at the local theatre.
- The whole school took part in a singing workshop virtually by Amasing, accompanied by live musicians (free).
- Year 5 and 6 go to see a musical show in London when they have their residential.

In the future

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

- Offer small group private instrument lessons for children.
- Take part in more community events/festivals which showcase the talents of music and singing.
- Further develop opportunities for the children to experience live music performances and inspire their love of music.
- Plan for opportunities for the children to learn more about some musicians covered in the curriculum.
- To introduce the opportunity for a school band.
- A termly school performance opportunity at the “work of the month” assemblies.