

Music

Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. A high-quality music education should engage and inspire pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, and so increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement. As pupils progress, they should develop a critical engagement with music, allowing them to compose, and to listen with discrimination to the best in the musical canon.

At Stamshaw Infant School, we follow the Portsmouth Music Hub approved, national scheme of work, 'Charanga' to guide our weekly music lessons. The interactive scheme supports all the requirements of the National Curriculum and is in line with published Ofsted guidance.

In addition, we are proud hosts of the 'Rocksteady Music School'. Rocksteady provide keyboard, guitar, vocal and drum lessons in school time. Children who sign up to Rocksteady have the opportunity to learn as part of a school band who perform on numerous occasions over the school year.

Children in Key Stage 1 have the opportunity to attend live performances at the Guildhall in Portsmouth and we are proud participants of the annual 'Portsmouth School's Music Festival'

Aims

The national curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils:

- perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians.
- learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence.
- understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.