

Music Curriculum at Stamshaw Infant School

Intent

Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. At Stamshaw Infant school, we aim to provide a high-quality musical education to engage and inspire our children to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, and therefore increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement within the arts. We are committed to providing high quality musical opportunities for ALL children and encourage our children to develop a love of Music that will last a lifetime. By accessing a wide range of musical genres and by performing together, our children will recognise the social value of music in our community and the importance of music in our society as a whole.

Implementation

Children have weekly music lessons following the Charanga schemes of work in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2. Through this scheme, children are taught to appraise music across a range of genres, gain foundational skills in the inter-related dimensions of music, and develop their performance skills. This scheme follows the National Curriculum for Music and includes recommendations from the DfE's new Model Music Curriculum. Key skills are developed and progress through the year groups. Teachers formatively assess children and plan opportunities to build on prior learning. End of Unit performances are uploaded to the shared network.

Alongside the Charanga scheme of work, teachers plan opportunities for cross curricular Music links. eg: Sea Shanties in the Year 1 pirate topic and listening to Holst's 'Planet Suite' during the Year 2 Space topic.

A range of untuned percussion and a whole class set of glockenspiels and recorders are reserved for every class during their timetabled Music slot.

Singing is heard and valued across many elements of the school day. Music is embedded in our school culture and many opportunities are given to come together and perform as a whole school.

We are hosts to Rocksteady who provide peripatetic band tuition for guitar, vocals, keyboard and drums. Children perform to the school and bursary spaces are provided to children in receipt of Pupil Premium.

We visit local, historic music venues to listen to live music by professional musicians. We participate in the Portsmouth Schools Music Festival and Infant Voices events

Impact

The musical education provided at Stamshaw Infant School, equips children with key skills that will enable them to continue their musical development and build on a solid foundation. Assessment of our children shows that they can sing, keep a pulse, copy and repeat rhythms, play simple melodies and listen with concentration. With our strong community links, we can identify children with a particular aptitude for Music and provide avenues for further study. Through pupil voice, we learn that children enjoy and look forward to their music lessons and view themselves as Musicians. The wide range of performance opportunities showcase our talented, confident children and we regularly welcome positive feedback from parents. Our Music curriculum will endeavour to foster a love and increasing enthusiasm for the subject amongst our children, and the potential for life- long musical study.