



# Music development plan summary: Burbage Junior School

## Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Felicity Williams
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Leicestershire Music Hub
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, extra-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.

At Burbage Junior School, we follow the Charanga music scheme which progressively develops our pupil's skills as a musician. Each year group covers six different units that are all based on a different song and genre of music. In each unit, all children learn to play the glockenspiel to their accompanying song. Year 3 & 4 are taught an explicit glockenspiel unit. Charanga lessons are taught weekly and each lesson is 30 minutes long. Across each unit, our children: listen and appraise different songs, learn to sing their song, play the glockenspiel, compose, improvise and perform. The scheme follows a spiral learning curve where activities/knowledge/skills are repeated and it's through this repetition that progression is made. Our lessons are inclusive as appropriate adaptations are made to suit the needs of our SEND pupils.

In order to support our music curriculum, we have links with the Leicestershire Music Hub. They are a service that offer resources and guidance to us on how to maximise our curriculum and provide our pupils with additional music experiences. In addition to



this, we have links with Charanga who provide CPD for staff and are a continuous support.

## Part B: Extra-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.

At Burbage Junior School we have an established choir who meet weekly for one hour. The choir comprises of children from Y3 to Y6. In addition to this, we have weekly whole school singing assemblies. We follow the Model Music Curriculum songs and listening suggestions. These assemblies last for 30 minutes.

We offer a wide range of one-to-one and small-group music lessons, delivered by numerous peripatetic teachers. We offer lessons in: drums, piano, guitar, violin and trumpet. Burbage Junior School also offers weekly extra-curricular orchestra sessions which allow our pupils further opportunity to practise violin, cornet, piano and drums as a group. Extra-curricular music lessons are funded by the parent/carer of all children, unless they are on pupil premium. Here, a subsidy per term is provided to allow access to music for all children.

We have a designated music room where all of our extra-curricular music lessons take place, allowing our pupils the space required to practise and rehearse. The use of the music room is timetabled, allowing all pupils equal opportunity to the space.

## 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.

We offer a range of musical experiences for our pupils across the year. Each Christmas we go to the local church, where the choir perform. The choir also participate in the Young Voices competition annually which provides them the



opportunity to be part of a larger choir with other schools, performing in an arena sized venue.

At the end of the school, Year 6 put on a musical production for the school and their parents. This production involves them singing both individually and in larger groups.

In the summer term, children who have had extra-curricular lessons perform to the school to showcase their musical talents and perform songs they have learnt for the occasion.

Throughout the year, our peripatetic teachers showcase their instruments during assemblies. These assemblies aim to inspire and encourage the uptake in that particular instrument.

## In the future

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

The plan for music at Burbage Junior School moving forward is to establish greater links with our local high school; providing our children with the opportunity to experience music performed by older children and to establish transition links for our Y6 pupils. We aim to also have professional musicians perform at school termly to further our children's learning and expose them to other genres and music from other cultures.

In addition, we will continue to increase the amount of opportunities our pupils have to perform in front of one another; be it in small groups or on a larger scale. The aim of this is to improve their proficiency and confidence.