

SPRING 2024 MUSIC INTENT

Curriculum Intent

Music teaching at Thaxted aims to follow the specifications of the National Curriculum; providing a broad, balanced and differentiated curriculum and ensuring the progressive development of musical concepts, knowledge and skills. At Thaxted we believe that music plays an integral role in helping children to feel part of a community, therefore we provide opportunities for all children to create, play, perform and enjoy music both in class and to an audience. Through assemblies and performances, we aim for children showcase their talent and their understanding of performing with awareness of others. Lessons enable children to develop their skills, appreciate a wide variety of music and begin to appraise a range of musical genres.

Implementation

We have adopted the scheme Charanga to support the quality of music teaching that children receive at our school. Charanga works seamlessly with the national curriculum ensuring that learners revisit the interrelated dimensions of music: pulse, voice, pitch and rhythm- building upon previous learning and skills. The learning within this Scheme is based on: Listening and Appraising, Musical Activities, creating and exploring and singing and performing.

Music is taught as a separate subject, but links may be made to other learning such as the children's topic work for that term. All learners from EYFS to Y6 receive a course of music lessons each term supported by Charanga.

The Charanga music scheme allows children to experience a new topic and style of music every term. Due to us being a 1 1/2 form entry school with mixed age classes, we have adopted the Charanga scheme and created a 2-year rolling plan so that children still receive the same level of music teaching and experience all the units of learning. These lessons provide children with the opportunity to listen and respond to different styles of music, use their voices and instruments to listen and sing back and have a go at composing their own piece of music. The lessons are planned so that each year children follow on from the learning they completed the previous year and clear progression is evident across the school.

In addition to the taught music curriculum learners listen to a range of music styles and genres in assembly, as well as having a singing assembly every week.

In Key Stage 2 children have had the opportunity to be involved with Young Voices. Children taking part in YV can perform in some of the world's greatest arenas alongside incredible artists. Choirs will perform alongside 5,000-8,000 other children as a single choir to capacity audiences of family and friends.

The aims of our Music curriculum are to develop pupils who:

- Enjoy and have an appreciation for music.
- Listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, cultures, styles and traditions.
- Can sing and use their voices to create different effects.
- Create and compose music, both on their own and with others.

- Use a range of musical language.
- Make judgements and express personal preferences about the quality and style of music.
- Take part in performances with an awareness of audience

In addition to the music curriculum, the school choir and various instrumental clubs run on a rolling programme throughout the term.

We have visiting peripatetic music teachers who deliver piano, guitar and woodwind lessons to individual pupils.