Music development plan summary: [*Brunshaw Primary School*]

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Sophie Stafford
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Helen Bull
Name of local music hub	Lancashire Music Service

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.

Children at Brunshaw should be accessing the Music curriculum for 1 hour per week (KS1) or 6 hours per term (KS2). The music curriculum can be accessed here: https://www.brunshaw.lancs.sch.uk/music/ . The curriculum is a combined skills and knowledge-based curriculum which focuses on different genres of music and influential musicians. Pupil's understanding of music will be developed through activities which bring together the requirements of performing, composing, listening and appraising.

Children have the opportunity to be taught by a specialist music teacher for at least one-half term. The parents of all of the children from EYFS up to KS2 are given the opportunity for their children to further develop their musical skills by learning to play a rock instrument. This is payable on a weekly basis and the children perform at the end of every term.

Brunshaw has a partnership with Lancashire Music Service, who can provide specialist advice and training to all staff.

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.

All children access high-quality whole-class instrumental teaching through ukulele and violin lessons. Pupils are given opportunities to develop instrumental skills, perform with others and build confidence as musicians.

In addition, the school works with Rocksteady Music School, providing pupils with the opportunity to learn an instrument as part of a band. Participation is available to all families who wish to access this provision, a number of free bursary places are available each year, with performances taking place three times each year, enabling pupils to share their learning with parents and the wider school community.

Music performance is a valued part of school life. Pupils regularly participate in whole-school musical events, including choir performances, nativity productions and performances within the local community. These opportunities allow children to develop their musical abilities, experience performing to an audience and foster a lifelong enjoyment of music.

The school aims to ensure that all pupils have access to a range of musical experiences, enabling progression in performing, listening and appreciating music both within and beyond the classroom.

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.

The school is committed to ensuring that all pupils can access and participate in a broad range of musical opportunities. Regular singing opportunities are provided through weekly assemblies, collective worship and special events such as the Harvest Festival service, enabling all children to develop their vocal skills and confidence.

All Key Stage 2 pupils receive whole-class instrumental tuition as part of the curriculum, learning either the violin or ukulele. This ensures equitable access to instrumental learning regardless of background or prior musical experience.

The school works in partnership with Rocksteady Music School to provide additional opportunities for pupils to learn and perform as part of a band. To support inclusion and remove financial barriers, bursary places are available for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding.

Pupils also benefit from a range of enrichment opportunities provided through Lancashire Music Hub, including workshops, performances and wider musical experiences that broaden participation and encourage progression.

In the future

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

The school aims to increase opportunities for pupils to access instrumental tuition and participate in musical activities. Future priorities include developing a school choir, expanding performance opportunities throughout the year and encouraging greater participation in music across the school. These developments will help pupils build confidence, showcase their talents and foster a lifelong enjoyment of music.