

Music development plan summary: Longthorpe Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 – 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Miss M Walsham
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mr J Parkhouse
Name of local music hub	Peterborough Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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.

Music is taught in all year groups for 50-minute long, stand-alone lessons each week by the class teachers. At Longthorpe Primary School, we use the Charanga curriculum (<https://peterborough.charanga.com/site/>) online resource from the Peterborough Music Hub. This curriculum is informed the English Model Music Curriculum.

All children participate in these lessons, including children with SEND and disabilities. Depending on the specific needs of the child, support is provided for all children to access music lessons. For example, adaptations to use of equipment (eg. altering heights of keyboard stands for children in wheelchairs), providing ear defenders for those children who may be sensitive to the noise of singing or instruments and providing individualised attention for children who need adaptations. Our SEND policy is here: [SEND Policy](#).

Over the course of each year, all children will learn to develop both their singing and instrumental skills (mainly through playing recorders and glockenspiels). Opportunities to hear and mimic sounds and rhythms, create and improvise with music, reflect on how

music makes them feel, develop ensemble skills, learn how to record music and perform music form part of the core curriculum offer.

In year 4 specifically, there is WCIT with ukuleles with a specialist teacher during the summer term

In year 5 specifically, children practise a repertoire of songs to perform at the Young Voices music gala at the O2 Arena. This is built into the core-curriculum.

The music lead works in partnership with Peterborough Music Hub, attending training and engaging with online training videos.

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.

Longthorpe Primary School buys in one-to-one peripatetic music teachers to teach a range of music and instruments to children in key stage 2: singing, guitar, drums and keyboard. This is £25 per child, per month.

There is a popular and well-attended key stage 2 choir that runs each week. The choir perform at key events during the year, such as the Longthorpe Summer Fair. Access to the choir is open to all key stage 2 children and costs £1 a week to attend.

Outside of school, the Peterborough Music Hub offer weekend singing sessions which many pupils from Longthorpe Primary School attend.

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.

Singing assemblies occur bi-weekly, led by the Longthorpe Choirmaster, with a known repertoire of songs being sung by all children.

As part of the year 5 music curriculum, all year 5 children have the opportunity to rehearse and perform through the Young Voices programme. The choirmaster supports the class teachers in the delivery of the practice sessions. This costs £18 per child. For Pupil Premium children, there is a £3 discount.

The choir perform for other children and parents at Christmas and at the end of the academic year.

Children who have peripatetic music lessons also perform a concert to other children and parents each year.

A KS2 class go to the New Theatre in the Autumn term to watch a live orchestra. This is £8 per child and is partially subsidised by the Peterborough Music Hub.

A KS1 class go to the Curve Theatre in Leicester to watch a musical theatre performance. This is £39 with a discount of £9 for Pupil Premium children.

In the future

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

To improve the music curriculum offer at Longthorpe Primary School, the music lead is working on strengthening the 'recording music' aspect of the curriculum as through monitoring of lessons and data, this is one aspect that children find harder to learn.

In the next academic year, the school would like to move to a model where music is taught during teacher's PPA time. This will allow us to offer bespoke training to a small group of teachers who will be able to become 'subject specialists', thus ensuring the delivery of the music curriculum is consistent.

The school will also look into ensuring that the children get to experience a live performance by a band each year.