



Montgomery Music Statement

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Aims

At Montgomery Primary School our aim is to provide a music curriculum that is broad, balanced and adapted to ensure the progressive development of musical concepts, knowledge, and skills for all our pupils. Our curriculum is crafted to ensure it is engaging and inspiring, fostering a love and passion for music.

Our community is an integral part of Montgomery Primary, and we recognise that music plays an important part in helping children to feel part of that community. Through assemblies, concerts and key stage performances children can express their emotions and display their understanding of how to perform with awareness of others.

The Curriculum

Our Music curriculum is based on Kapow Primary's condensed Music curriculum and is carefully sequenced from EYFS through to Year 6. It provides a clear progression of musical knowledge and skills while ensuring pupils experience a broad, engaging and inclusive Music curriculum.

Throughout their time at Montgomery, pupils progressively develop their skills in performing, listening and composing, alongside their understanding of the inter-related dimensions of music. Learning is carefully sequenced so that key knowledge, skills and vocabulary are introduced, revisited and developed as pupils progress through the school. Pupils also experience a diverse range of musical styles, traditions, cultures and periods.

Our progression map is aligned with Kapow's condensed curriculum and identifies the key knowledge, skills and vocabulary taught within each year group. Previous learning is regularly revisited, enabling pupils to make connections, build upon prior knowledge and develop increasingly secure musical understanding.

In EYFS, pupils explore sound through their voices, movement and instruments, developing their ability to listen, respond and perform. In Key Stage 1, pupils build on these foundations by singing expressively, playing tuned and untuned instruments and experimenting with sounds. In Key Stage 2, pupils develop increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression when performing, while developing their ability to improvise, compose and listen critically.

The curriculum provides appropriate coverage of the National Curriculum for Music while supporting the principles of the Model Music Curriculum, ensuring a coherent musical journey from EYFS to Year 6. We believe that music is for all, not for the few. Alongside curriculum lessons, we work closely with Rocksteady to broaden access to instrumental tuition and seek to remove barriers to participation. Weekly singing assemblies further enrich our provision, exposing pupils to a range of genres and developing their confidence, musical vocabulary and understanding.

Impact

The impact of our Music curriculum will be seen in pupils who develop a love and appreciation of music and confidence in performing, composing, listening and responding. Through Kapow's condensed curriculum, pupils build and retain musical knowledge, skills and vocabulary from EYFS to Year 6. They demonstrate our Monty Values of self-belief, teamwork and determination through singing, playing, composing and performing. Wider opportunities, including singing assemblies, instrumental tuition and Christmas productions, strengthen our musical culture. Impact is measured through pupil voice, lesson observations, curriculum monitoring, staff discussions, governor monitoring and assessment of pupils' knowledge, skills and progression.

Links to Whole School Curriculum Vision

Throughout their musical journey, pupils experience high-quality live music, workshops and performances both in school and at specialist venues. These opportunities broaden their understanding of musical genres while developing listening and appraising skills. Visiting musicians and specialists further enrich our curriculum and provide opportunities to learn from experts. Previous experiences include watching the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra perform at the Great Hall in Exeter and taking part in Djembé drumming workshops. Our school choir has also performed at Exeter Cathedral, providing a memorable opportunity to develop pupils' confidence, teamwork and experience of performing in a prestigious setting.