

Music development plan summary: Disley Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Beth Purslow
Name of local music hub	Love Music Trust

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.

At Disley Primary School, all pupils receive a weekly music lesson as part of the curriculum. Music is taught through the Kapow Primary Music scheme, which provides a progressive and ambitious curriculum from Reception to Year 6. Pupils develop their understanding of pulse, rhythm, pitch, dynamics, notation, composition, singing and performance through a wide variety of musical styles and traditions. The curriculum includes opportunities to study world music, jazz, samba, musical theatre, film music and orchestral music, ensuring pupils experience a broad range of musical genres and cultures.

In addition to class music lessons, Year 5 pupils participate in a whole-class instrumental programme delivered by Love Music Trust for two terms each year. This gives all pupils the opportunity to learn an instrument and perform as part of an ensemble.

Pupils may further develop their musical skills through individual or small-group peripatetic lessons in piano, drums, brass and guitar. Where appropriate, pupils learning through these lessons may have the opportunity to work towards externally recognised music examinations through their music provider.

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.

We offer a range of opportunities for pupils to develop their musical interests beyond the classroom. Pupils can access peripatetic music tuition in piano, drums, brass and guitar, allowing them to build on their classroom learning and develop specialist skills.

Our partnership with Love Music Trust provides pupils with valuable opportunities to experience ensemble playing and instrumental performance. Through these experiences, pupils are encouraged to continue their musical journey beyond the curriculum and develop confidence as musicians.

Pupils regularly have opportunities to perform for audiences, helping them to refine their musical skills and gain experience of working collaboratively with others.

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.

Music is an important part of school life at Disley Primary School, and pupils participate in a wide range of musical experiences throughout the year.

All pupils sing regularly in assemblies and school celebrations. Each year, Reception, Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 pupils perform Christmas productions or nativities, providing opportunities to develop singing, performance and presentation skills. Year 5/6 pupils conclude their primary education with a full end-of-year summer production, which includes acting, singing and musical performance.

To broaden pupils' cultural experiences, the whole school attends an annual pantomime. In addition, Year 5 pupils take part in the Love Music Trust programme at the Bridgewater Hall, where they perform alongside other schools and experience working with musicians connected to the Hallé Orchestra. These experiences allow pupils to engage with live music in professional venues and inspire further participation in music-making.

Through curriculum lessons, instrumental tuition, performances and visits, we aim to ensure that every child has the opportunity to participate in, enjoy and develop a lifelong appreciation of music.

In the future

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

As we enter our second year of delivering the Kapow Primary Music curriculum, our priority is to further embed the scheme across the school, ensuring that musical knowledge, skills and vocabulary build progressively from Reception to Year 6. Teachers will continue to develop their subject knowledge and confidence in delivering high-quality music lessons, whilst subject leaders monitor implementation and pupil outcomes to ensure consistency and progression.

We will continue to strengthen our partnership with Love Music Trust and our peripatetic music providers to increase opportunities for pupils to engage in instrumental learning and performance. We also aim to further celebrate music across the school by creating additional opportunities for pupils to share their musical learning with peers, parents and the wider community.

By embedding our new curriculum and building on existing performance opportunities, we aim to ensure that all pupils develop confidence, creativity and a lifelong appreciation of music.