

Music development plan summary: Newcomen Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024- 2025
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Date this summary will be reviewed	Annual
Name of the school music lead	Gavin Riches
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Ed Jones
Name of local music hub	TVMS
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Apollo Arts

Part A: Curriculum music

At Newcomen Primary School, we believe that a high-quality education in music engages and inspires our pupils to develop their love of music and their talent. Music is a universal language that embodies one of the utmost forms of creativity. Music lessons engage and stimulate pupils to develop a love of music and enhance their ability as musicians. Musical skills and knowledge develop their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement.

Supported by the musical program Charanga, our curriculum allows teachers to produce inclusive lessons for all children to access the musical curriculum in a fun and engaging way, further promoting a love of learning. The Charanga Scheme of Work has clear sequenced and progressive lessons along with the resources needed to teach them; this enables all members of staff (including non-specialists) to deliver well-planned high quality lessons, with appropriate differentiation.

Newcomen Primary School is committed to ensuring that all pupils achieve their full potential. Barriers to learning in music lessons are quickly identified and the school is committed to closing any gaps in achievement. Each child is unique and within every school there will always be a number of children, who for a variety of reasons, are classed as having special educational needs or disabilities (SEND). The school identifies children with a suspected Special Education Need early so that interventions are swift and immediate. All children receive quality first teaching and musical activities are differentiated appropriately.

Children will be taught to listen and to appreciate different forms of music across different time-periods, cultures and traditions. This supports children to understand the cultural capital of being open minded in their listening as well as knowledgeable about a breadth of musical genres in the world today.

The curriculum broadly offers opportunities for all year groups from EYFS to Year 6 to engage in appraising songs and take part in various exciting and engaging musical activities such as singing, playing, improvising, composing and performing.

Throughout the year, each child receives 45 minutes of music each week, with increased time allocations during specific projects. For instance, Whole School Family Day and Christmas performances allowing pupils to explore music-making, singing and performing

We passionately believe that every pupil should have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. Consequently, all pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 learn to play the Glockenspiel within lessons. Additionally, Year 5 learn to play the recorder.

Children are actively involved in using and developing their singing voices, using body percussion and whole-body actions, and learning to play classroom instrument (glockenspiel, recorder and also un-tuned instruments) effectively to create and express their own and others' music. Through a range of whole class, group and individual activities, children have opportunities to explore sounds, appraise, compose and perform. This in turn feeds their understanding when listening to, playing or analysing music.

At Newcomen, we are extremely proud to work closely with Apollo Arts. Our staff work alongside these music specialists to deliver engaging and ambitious singing workshops throughout Summer Term in preparation for our whole-school Family Day which is a great cause for celebration. We are extremely proud to host our annual Family Day where children perform a variety of songs with a live band which involves Apollo Arts musicians. This musical extravaganza consists of songs which are well-known within the Newcomen Primary School community. Additionally, Apollo Arts specialists support teachers to plan and deliver the Year 6 leaver's assembly which includes singing performances.

Many more musical performances feature throughout the year including the annual Newcomen's Got Talent competition, Christmas singing around the tree, guitar lesson recitals, singing club, local nursing home visits and the school choir performances.

In addition, our curriculum is enriched by TVMS who work in partnership with Charanga and provide online free whole class music provision with specially prepared videos by curriculum specialists.

Part B: Co-curricular music

At Newcomen, we offer a range of after-school clubs that children can attend free of charge. The clubs are run by members of our music specialist team. All instruments are provided for the children with no cost to our families.

Year 5 have the opportunity to attend guitar club in Spring Term. In Autumn Term and Summer Term, Upper Key Stage Two are invited to attend singing club and these sessions are used to prepare for performances such as Family Day or singing at the local care homes for Christmas. Year 3 have the opportunity to play and perform in recorder club in Autumn Term. In Summer Term, brass club is available for Year 4 children with instruments provided. This year, we have introduced glockenspiel club for Year 2 pupils which will commence in Spring Term.

In Summer Term, Year 4 will work with a local Ukulele band 'The Ukulele Ladies' who deliver workshops that encompass singing, playing with ukuleles and untuned instruments as well as opportunities to perform.

Links will continue to be developed with feeder schools and Year 5 and 6 pupils will have the opportunity to attend the local secondary school and experience music sessions with secondary specialists.

The choir and members of singing group will have opportunities to sing in the community at local care homes during the Christmas period.

The music team deliver half termly music demonstration assemblies where instruments such as the guitar, bass and drums are championed and explored. Saxophone demonstration sessions take place termly in Year 4 delivered by the Year 4 teacher.

Additionally, pupils are given the opportunity to sing and enjoy religious songs in assemblies delivered by Reverend Highfield on a half termly basis through partnerships with the local church.

Annually, all pupils take part in a Christmas performance in EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. All performances are cause for great celebration and are delivered to an exceptionally high standard. Key stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils experience singing a range of Christmas hymns and carols ranging from traditional to contemporary and additionally learn to sing in French, German and Latin.

In the Summer Term, all pupils participate in our whole-school Family Day. This musical extravaganza consists of songs which are celebrated within the Newcomen Primary School community and the event is widely regarded as the musical pinnacle of the school year.

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.

Musical experiences and performances include:

- Singing assemblies
- Choir singing recitals
- Singing workshops delivered by Apollo Arts
- Family Day whole-school concert
- Apollo Arts band performance
- Newcomen's Got Talent
- Christmas performances EYFS, KS1 and KS2
- Tea Dance EYFS
- Leavers Assembly (Year 6)
- Recording and Production: singing session with Apollo Arts (Year 6)
- Carols around the tree
- Guitar band assembly demonstrations
- Saxophone demonstrations
- Brass instrument demonstration assembly
- Carol singing with the choir in local care homes
- Singing in religious assemblies delivered by reverend Highfield
- Theatre Trip (The Little Theatre Middlesbrough) (KS1)
- Theatre Trip (Sunderland Empire Theatre) (KS2)
- Poet performance workshop
- Guitar Club
- Recorder Club
- Singing Club
- Brass Club
- Ukulele Club
- Ukulele workshops (Y4)
- Music workshops with local secondary school
- Performance opportunities in assemblies

In the future

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

- To continue to strengthen and further enhance links with feeder schools to provide excellent music enrichment

- To continue to provide an exceptional range of musical enrichment and opportunities outside of the classroom
- Introduce annual class assemblies that provide pupils with further opportunities to sing, play and perform to an audience