

Music development plan summary: The Orchards School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Lauren Richardson
Name of local music hub	Severn Arts, Bromsgrove Hub – based at The Orchards School

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


Children at The Black Pear Trust develop a love and understanding of music which is promoted by all practitioners in the Trust Community. The music curriculum at The Black Pear Trust offers a cyclical approach, whereby pupils return to the same skills and knowledge throughout their education which enables them to develop depth in each area and use prior knowledge to support growth. Throughout the academic year, music lessons are taught fortnightly by Class Teachers with planning created inline with Kapow Primary.

Our scheme of work fulfils the statutory requirements of the **National Curriculum (2014)**.
The National Curriculum for Music aims to ensure that all pupils:

- ★ Perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians.
- ★ Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.
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From these aims, we have identified 5 strands which run throughout our scheme of work:

- Performing 
- Listening 
- Composing 
- The history of music 
- Inter-related dimensions of music 



By experiencing a broad music curriculum with opportunities for enrichment, our children will leave The Black Pear Trust feeling proud of their musical achievements. With opportunities to perform to audiences in school assemblies and public performances; participate in focussed music lessons led by school staff and peripatetic teachers; and being immersed in a wide variety of music to explore cultural capital and musical appreciation, all children will learn vital life skills such as creativity, perseverance and confidence which will help them in their future careers and professions.

At The Orchards, music lessons take place fortnightly, taught by class teachers. Careful consideration has been put in place for the coverage of music to ensure all key strand are covered throughout the lessons – coverage can be found here - [Music – The Orchards School](#).

In addition to lessons taught by class teachers, The Orchards School also works closely with Severn Arts to enable each child to experience half a term of a musical instrument taught by a peripatetic teacher during their school career. The Orchards School has established a strong connection with Severn Arts, and we are pleased to be the Hub for Bromsgrove Music – offering stability for music lessons and clubs each week within our school community.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

The Orchards is proud of the co-curricular music offer for our children. Our work with Severn Arts enables opportunities for children to attend 'play on' sessions as a continuation of their learning. These are small, focussed lessons which take place outside of timetabled curriculum time and enable children to develop their learning on a chosen instrument. This is supported by funding from the David Morgan Trust which ensures that all children have an equal opportunity to be actively involved, including Pupil Premium and SEND.

Singing at The Orchards is regarded highly, with weekly collective choir and extra curricular clubs offered each term to target a range of pupils. Alongside this, pupils have opportunities to sing and perform in musical shows throughout the year, both in school and in the community. We are proud to offer choirs for children of all ages, with all children encouraged to participate at different points throughout the year.

At The Orchards, children have the opportunity to take instruments home with them each week, in line with their learning. The cost is covered by funding secured from The David Morgan Trust, and ensures that no child or parent feels unable to participate. Where additional music lessons take place, children have the opportunity to purchase their own instrument if preferred, or instruments can be hired from Severn Arts, either through payments made by parents or supported funding from DMT. All children at The Orchards are encouraged to attend the Severn Arts Bromsgrove Music Hub, based at

The Orchards, and this is often the start of their journey as they move on to Middle and High Schools.

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.

At The Orchards, we actively encourage Musical Appreciation inline with Cultural Capital, this is achieved by a two-year rolling programme of events focussing on a different genre. The children are exposed to a range of different artists and pieces of music within a genre throughout assemblies, information displayed around school, facts shared on the newsletter to encourage parental links and with musical opportunities being embedded throughout the school day. We ensure to use a range of appropriate vocabulary which builds on prior learning and enables the children to become confident when articulating their thoughts and discussing music with others.

Alongside Musical Appreciation, the school offers weekly collective choir and opportunities to experience musical performances. Each Key Stage has an opportunity to participate in a musical showcase at different stages of the year, this is then performed to all pupils, families and friends. We encourage musicians to attend the school to perform to the children – and are supported by Severn Arts to support this.

In Key Stage 2, children have the opportunity to attend the musical experience – Young Voices, based in Birmingham. Here the children experience performing in a large arena, as well as watching a range of performances focussing on different genres.

All additional music opportunities where a fee may arise can be subsidised by our Pupil Premium Funding, to ensure all children are eligible to attend.

In the future

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

As music continues to develop at The Orchards, we look forward to continuing to strengthen connections with Severn Arts as a musical hub. As part of The Black Pear Trust, we are welcoming opportunities to develop links across all schools, including secondary schools, to extend our offer to all.

We envisage Collaborative Trust Choirs and Musical bands/ensembles to further foster a love of music at The Orchards.

Further information

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

The Orchards Local Music Hub

[Music centre groups | Severn Arts](#)

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