

Dallimore Primary School

Music Policy

What is music?

Music is an art consisting of organised sounds/tones forming complete and expressive compositions, which are intended to be heard, and to elicit a pleasurable response in a listener.

Music is a powerful, unique form of communication that can change the way pupils feel, think and act. It brings together intellect and feeling and enables personal expression, reflection and emotional development. As an integral part of culture, past and present, it helps pupils understand themselves and relate to others. The teaching of music develops the pupil's ability to listen and appreciate a wide variety of music and to make judgements about musical quality. It encourages active involvement in different forms of amateur togetherness. It promotes self-discipline and creativity, aesthetic sensitivity and fulfilment. Music can be used to prepare pupils for learning, by relaxing or invigorating them and creating a positive frame of mind.

Our aims are:-

- To enable children to gain knowledge, understanding and critical appreciation of a wide variety of musical cultures and styles with regard to their technical, aesthetic and social characteristics.
- To fulfil the requirements of the National Curriculum.
- To give pupils opportunities to explore their own creative potential through composing and performing.
- To foster mutual co-operation, empathy and enjoyment.
- To develop and value skills, attitudes and attributes that can support learning in other areas and are needed for life and work, for example listening skills, the ability to concentrate, creativity, intuition, aesthetic sensitivity, perseverance, self-confidence and sensitivity toward others.

How we organise the teaching of music.

Music is taught in a mixture of subject based and cross-curricular topic approaches.

Approximately 1 hour per week is spent on music during the academic year.

School encourages children to participate in instrumental lessons using peripatetic teachers.

The present scheme for the teaching of music, *Music Express* and *Sing Up*, is complimented by a use of songs relating to topics, teachers' own resources, Christmas concerts and through visits from musicians and theatre groups. This is taught through *The Creative Learning Journey*.

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