

Music Curriculum

Happy Hearts, Open Minds, Bright Futures

Jesus promised: "I came that you may have life and have it to the full." - John 10:10

Our Vision

Every child at Fladbury will know they are loved by God, have a **happy heart** and be part of a flourishing, well-led school. When they leave Fladbury, they will be wellprepared to meet challenges, confident in their abilities and look forward to their **bright future** with an **open mind**.

Our Music Aims

At Fladbury, our music curriculum inspires our children to be curious to know more about a wide range of different music styles and genres. Children's' curiosity is sparked through engaging them in workshops, through drama, by taking trips and through interacting with significant people within their locality. Children at Fladbury will develop the skills required to ask questions, think critically and develop perspective and judgement. These enquiry skills will help our children understand the how music has evolved and how music has influenced our lives today. Pupils will also develop their understanding of the Music and how cultures have impacted each other over time. Through understanding the complexity of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups, pupils will also develop their understanding of their own identity and preferences in Music. Our curriculum is designed so that key, fundamental knowledge is often revisited, allowing deliberate opportunities for retrieval practice, therefore embedding key learning. Our Music teaching and learning will pull on prior learning to draw similarities and differences between societies, countries and time periods through music.

Happy Hearts	Open Minds	Bright Futures
Through our Music Curriculum, the lens of our Christian value of 'joy' and our vision statement 'happy heart', we will learn how to make a better future for ourselves and others by learning through different styles and genres of Music.	The Music curriculum at Fladbury endeavours to expose our children to different music cultures and open their minds to different ways of enjoying different styles of music. Children will begin to understand the concepts of continuity and chance, cause and consequence as well as similarities and differences.	Through learning about Music, the History of Music and changes over time, children are given a sense of hope for their bright future and the impact that they could have upon it within their lifetimes.
We will develop a sense of belonging through sharing ideas and communicating knowledge with each other and those in our locality. Through team work, shared research and role play, children will connect with each other in a meaningful way.	This will equip the children with wisdom to use what they know to influence their decisions moving forwards. Children are encouraged to use their voices and have an	Children develop a musical perspective by placing their growing knowledge into different contexts and therefore being able to apply their knowledge moving forwards.
Our children will nurture an enjoyment of Music through carefully planned and enthusiastically delivered learning opportunities thus, creating an intrinsic passion for Music.	opinion on music through the ages that influence them and their world today. Through investigating, fact-finding, research and myth-busting children develop the wisdom to think critically and give their own opinions.	Through learning about music through the ages, children begin to make connections between; cultural, economic, political, religious and social music styles. They create their own bright futures by developing a strong moral compass and carry this throughout their lives.
	The natural curiosity of children at Fladbury is encouraged and nurtured to allow children to have an open mind and make their own discoveries through music.	Children will be given the opportunity to widen their horizons by having an in-depth knowledge of the wider world through different music genres and styles. Children will learn to be proud of their heritage and culture whilst learning all about different musical cultures.

Spirituality in Music

Fladbury's definition of Spirituality is: Spirituality is about understanding that we are part of something bigger than ourselves. It's the connections and relationships we have with God, with others, with ourselves and with nature. It brings about a sense of awe and wonder and can lead to asking big questions about who we are and our place in God's world.

Music supports spiritual development by encouraging through the experience and emotion of responding to performing, listening and composing music. We encourage our pupils to express their feelings verbally and in written form to improve their levels of articulacy. Where children are sensitive about expressing their feelings we nurture the confidence to do this by creating a supportive environment.

Intent	Implementation	Impact
Children at Fladbury will gain a firm understanding of what music is through listening, singing, playing, evaluating, analysing, and composing across a wide variety of historical periods, styles, traditions, and musical genres. We are committed to developing a curiosity for the subject, as well as an understanding and acceptance of the validity and importance of all types of music, and an unbiased respect for the role that music may wish to be expressed in any person's life. We are committed to ensuring children understand the value and importance of music in the wider community and are able to use their musical skills, knowledge, and experiences to involve themselves in music, in a variety of different contexts.	Our music curriculum ensures children sing, listen, play, perform and evaluate. This is embedded in the classroom through the structured music programme Charanga, as well singing in assemblies, attending various concerts and performances and teaching from specialist music teachers. The elements of music are taught so that children are able to use some of the language of music to dissect it, and understand how it is made, played, appreciated and analysed. In the classroom children learn key aspects of music through cross-curricular links. They also learn how to compose, focusing on different dimensions of music, which in turn feeds their understanding when listening, playing, or analysing music. Composing or performing using body percussion and vocal sounds is also part of the curriculum, which develops the understanding of musical elements without the added complexity of an instrument.	 Whilst in school, children have access to a varied programme, which allows them to discover areas of strength, as well as areas they might like to improve upon. The integral nature of music and the learner creates an enormously rich palette from which a child may access fundamental abilities such as: achievement, self-confidence, interaction with and awareness of others, and self-reflection. Music will also develop an understanding of culture and history, both in relation to children individually, as well as ethnicities from across the world. Children are able to enjoy music in as many ways as they choose – either as listener, creator or performer. They can dissect music and comprehend its parts. They can sing and feel a pulse. They have an understanding of how to further develop skills less known to them, should they ever develop an interest in their lives.

National Curriculum

Early Years	Key Stage One	Key Stage Two
 ELG: The quality and variety of what children see, hear an participate in is crucial for developing their understanding, self-expression, vocabulary and abilit to communicate through the arts. The frequency, repetition and depth of their experiences are fundamental to their progress in interpreting and appreciating what they hear, response to and observe. 	 singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes Play tuned and untuned instruments musically Listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music Experiment with, create, select and combine 	 Pupils in KS2 should be taught to: Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music Listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory Use and understand staff and other musical notations Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians Develop an understanding of the history of music.

Our Curriculum



Charanga

Fladbury CE First school has chosen to use Charanga music scheme to develop a personal curriculum that works in our school. It provides a structured and cohesive framework in which we can deliver a comprehensive musical education to our pupils. Charanga's philosophy of music education is based on the principle that it should be fun and engaging for all concerned. Every child is a born musician, and music plays a role in every aspect of our lives – wherever and whoever we are. It includes all the resources necessary for us to provide a wide variety of lessons using instruments and singing techniques. We supplement this with an external provider (Severn Arts) for all KS1 and KS2 children have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument each year.

Adaptive Teaching

Fladbury CE First School has a robust approach to adaptive teaching, ensuring that all children receive an education that responds to their strengths and needs. The use of scaffolding techniques allows teachers to break down complex concepts into manageable chunks, providing children with the support they need to work towards the same objectives as their peers. Visual resources such as word banks, diagrams and flash cards are often used in lessons to support all children to meet their learning objectives. Our school also embraces active learning strategies, such as collaborative projects and hands-on activities, encourage children to engage with their lessons, fostering both peer interaction and critical thinking skills. Teachers ensure that children have access to practical concrete resources to further support their understanding and to give alternate ways of finding solutions to problems. Modelling is another critical strategy used by teachers, where they demonstrate thought processes and outline how they would complete a task to meet the learning objective. This allows children to observe and understand what they are working towards. Ear defenders can also be used to support those students who need them too.

Through this multifaceted approach, Fladbury CE First School creates an inclusive learning environment where every child is supported in their educational journey, promoting not only academic success but also a lifelong love for learning.

Our Cycles of Learning

Cycle A	Autumn Spring		Summer
Avon	Musical Heartbeat	Exploring Sounds	Severn Arts FAME – Ukulele
Year 1/2	Playing in an orchestra	Inventing a Musical Story	Rock School
Teme	Writing Music Down	Severn Arts FAME – Ukulele	Compose using your Imagination
Year 3/4	Exploring feelings when you play	Rock School	More Musical Styles
Severn	Severn Arts FAME – Ukulele	Melody and Harmony in Music	Composing and Chords
Year 5/6	Rock School	Sing and play in different styles	Battle of the Bands

Cycle B	Autumn Spring		Summer
Avon	Pulse, Rhythm and Pitch	Learning to listen	Violin
Year 1/2	Dance, Sing and Play	Recognising different sounds	
Teme	Musical Structures	Violin	Expression and Improvisation
Year 3/4	Playing in a band		Opening Night
Severn	Violin	Musical styles connect us	Creative Composition
Year 5/6		Developing Ensemble Skills	Farewell Tour

Play and Perform – Controlling Sounds Through Singing and Playing

Wye Class	Avon Class	Teme Class	Severn Class	
 Pre School Use their voice to speak/sing/chant. Join in with singing. Clap short rhythmic patterns. Experiment with creating sounds with different instruments. Olap short rhythmic patterns. Clap short rhythmic patterns. Experiment with creating sounds with different instruments. 	 Year 1 Use their voice to speak/sing/chant. Join in with singing. Clap short rhythmic patterns. Use instruments to perform a simple piece. Respond to musical indications about when to play or sing. Respond musically with increasing accuracy to a call (high/low, loud/soft, fast/slow) and keep a steady pulse. Listening Respond to different moods of music, in different ways. Year 2 Follow the melody using their voice or an instrument. Sing songs as an ensemble following the tune (melody) well. Perform in an ensemble with instructions from the leader (e.g. hand signals to indicate pitch and duration of notes). Play simple rhythmic patterns on an instrument. Sing/ clap a pulse increasing or decreasing in tempo. Control when playing instruments. Perform musical patterns keeping a steady pulse. 	 Year 3 Sing songs from memory with increasing expression, accuracy and fluency. Maintain a simple part within an ensemble. Modulate and control their voice when singing and pronounce the words clearly. Play notes on tuned and un-tuned instruments with increasing clarity and accuracy. Improvise (including call and response) within a group using the voice. Collaborate to create a piece of music. Listening Describe music using appropriate vocabulary. Compare different kinds of music. Recognise differences between music of different times and cultures. Year 4 Perform a simple part of an ensemble rhythmically. Sing songs from memory with increasing expression, accuracy and fluency. Improvise using repeated patterns with increasing accuracy and fluency. Improvise using repeated patterns with increasing accuracy and fluency. Recognise how the inter-related dimensions of music are used by composers to create different moods and effects. Understand the cultural and social meaning of lyrics. Appreciate harmonies, drone and ostinato. Explore ways the way in which sounds are combined towards certain effects. Understand the relationship between lyrics and melody.	 Year 5 Sing in unison and parts, and as part of a smaller group. Sing a second part in a song. Rehearse and learn songs from memory and/or with notation. Sing in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 5/4 and 6/8 metre. Sing on pitch' and 'in time'. Self-correct if lost or out of time. Sing expressively, with attention to breathing and phrasing. Sing expressively, with attention to dynamics and articulation. Develop confidence as a soloist. Talk about the different styles of singing used for different styles of song. Talk confidently about how connected they feel to the music and how it connects to the world. Respond to a leader or conductor. Ustify a personal opinion with reference to the musical elements. Year 6 Rehearse and learn songs from memory and/or with notation. Sing a broad range of songs as part of a choir, including those that involve syncopated rhythms, with a good sense of ensemble and performance. This should include observing rhythm, phrasing, accurate pitching and appropriate style. Continue to sing in parts, where appropriate. Sing with and without an accompaniment. Sing syncopated melodic patterns. Lead a singing rehearsal. Talk about the different styles of singing used in the various styles of song visited throughout this year. Discuss the structure of the music with reference to the world. 	

Play and Perform – Controlling Sounds Through Singing and Playing

Wye Class	Avon Class	Teme Class	Severn Class
Assessment Teacher observations to explore playing and performing with instruments through continuous provision. To sing songs and rhymes as a group. Record performances using audio/video/digital evidence.	 Assessment Y1 Sing, rap or rhyme as part of a choir/group. Y1 Add actions and/or movement to a song. Y1 Learn to play together with everybody while keeping in time with a steady beat. Y1 Continue to understand that composing is like writing a story with music. Y2 Sing with more pitch accuracy. Y2 Add actions and perhaps movement to a song. Y2 Play together as a group while keeping in time with a steady beat. Record performance using audio/video/digital evidence.	 Assessment Y3/4 Assessment Y3 Listen to and follow musical instructions from a leader. Y3 When improvising, follow a steady beat and stay 'in time'. Y3 Sing as part of a choir and in unison. Y3 Play together as a group while keeping the beat Y4 Sing as part of a choir with awareness of size: the larger the choir, the thicker and richer the musical texture. Y4 Talk about the different styles of singing used for different styles of song. Y4 Play their instruments with good posture and technique. Record performance using audio/video/digital evidence.	 Assessment Y5/6 Assessment Y5 Sing in unison and parts, and as part of a smaller group. Y5 Talk confidently about how connected they feel to the music and how it connects to the world. Y5 Play the right notes with secure rhythms. Y5 Understand the structure of the composition. Y5 Perform their simple composition/s, using their own choice of notes. Y5 Talk confidently about how connected they feel to the music and how it connects to the world. Y5 Talk confidently about how connected they feel to the music and how it connects to the world. Y6 Sing a broad range of songs as part of a choir, including those that involve syncopated rhythms, with a good sense of ensemble and performance. Y6 Discuss with one another how connected they are to the music and songs, and how the songs and styles are connected to the world. Y6 Play the right notes with secure rhythms. Rehearse and perform their parts within the context of the unit song. Y6 Understand how to rehearse a piece of music in order to improve. Play a more complex part.

Create and Compose – Creating and Developing Musical Ideas

Wye Class	Avon Class	Teme Class	Severn Class
 Pre School Make a range of sounds with their voice. Make a range of sounds with instruments. Reception Make a range of sounds with their voice. Make a range of sounds with instruments. Represent sounds pictorially. 	 Year 1 Make a range of sounds with their voice. Make a range of sounds with instruments. Identify changes in sounds. Tell the difference between long and short sounds. Represent sounds pictorially. Make a sequence of sounds for a purpose. Year 2 Order sounds to create a beginning, middle and end. Represent sounds pictorially with increasing relevance. Choose sounds to achieve an effect (including use of technology). Begin to compose short melodic patterns using two or three notes (tuned instruments/voice). Create short, rhythmic patterns – sequences of long and short sounds. Selective in the control used on an instrument in order to create an intended effect. Choose sounds to create an effect on the listener. 	 Year 3 Create repeated patterns using a range of instruments. Combine different sounds to create a specific mood or feeling. Understand how the use of tempo can provide contrast within a piece of music. Begin to read and write musical notation. Effectively choose, order, combine and control sounds to create different textures. Use silent beats for effect (rests). Combine different inter-related dimensions of music (e.g. fast/slow, high/low, loud/soft) in their composition. Year 4 Use notations to record and interpret sequences of pitches. Use notation in a performance. 	 Year 5 Explore improvisation within a major and minor scale. Improvise over a simple groove, responding to the beat and creating a satisfying melodic shape. Experiment with using a wider range of dynamics, including very loud (fortissimo), very quiet (pianissimo), moderately loud (mezzo forte) and moderately quiet (mezzo piano). Follow a steady beat and stay 'in time'. Become more skilled in improvising; perhaps try more notes and rhythms. Become more skilled in improvising; perhaps try to use melodic jumps (intervals) that might get higher and lower. Explore rhythm patterns created from quavers, crotchets, semiquavers, minims and their rests. Include rests or silent beats. Think about creating music with 'phrases' made up of notes, rather than just lots of notes played one after the other. Year 6 Explore improvisation within a major scale. Improvise over a groove, responding to the beat, creating a satisfying melodic shape with varied dynamics and articulation. Follow a steady beat and stay 'in time'. Become more skilled in improvising, perhaps trying more notes and rhythms. Include rests or silent beats. Think about creating music with 'phrases' made up of notes, rather than just lots of notes played one after the other. Year 6 Explore improvisation within a major scale. Improvise over a groove, responding to the beat, creating a satisfying melodic shape with varied dynamics and articulation. Follow a steady beat and stay 'in time'. Become more skilled in improvising, perhaps trying more notes and rhythms. Include rests or silent beats. Think about creating music with 'phrases' made up of notes, rather than just lots of notes played one after the other. Challenge themselves to play for longer periods, both as soloists and in response to others in a group. <

Create and Compose – Creating and Developing Musical Ideas

Appraising – Review and Respond

Wye Class	Avon Class	Teme Class	Severn Class			
 Pre School Begin to describe the sounds (e.g. loud, quiet, high, low, fast, slow). Begin to express how music makes them feel. Reception Say if they like or dislike a piece of music. Identify and distinguish environmental sounds? Begin to describe the sounds (e.g. loud, quiet, high, low, fast, slow). Begin to express how music makes them feel. 	 Year 1 Form an opinion to express how they feel about a piece of music. Recognise repeated patterns. Tell the difference between a fast and slow tempo, loud and quiet, and high and low sounds. Hear the pulse in a piece music. Tell the difference between loud and quiet sounds. Describe how sounds are made and changed. Respond to different moods in music and say how a piece of music makes them feel. Year 2 Identify particular features when listening to music. Begin to associate sounds they hear with instruments. Independently identify the pulse in a piece of music and tap along. Listen carefully to recall short rhythmic patterns. Begin to recognise changes in timbre, dynamics and pitch. Able to recognise and name different instruments by sight. Evaluate and improve their own work and give reasons. Listen to simple inter-related dimensions of music. Verbally recall what they have heard with simple vocabulary – loud, soft, high, low. Begin to say what they like and dislike. 	 Year 3 Use musical words (pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo) to describe and give their opinion on a piece of music. Evaluate and improve their work, explaining how it has improved using a success criterion. Know that music can be played or listened to for a variety of purposes (including different cultures and periods in history). Able to recognise a range of instruments by ear. Internalise the pulse in a piece of music. Identify the features within a piece of music. Explain why silence is used in a piece of music. Start to identify the character of a piece of music. Describe and identify the different purposes of music. Use musical words (pitch, duration, timbre, dynamics, tempo) to describe a piece of music and composition. 	 Year 5 Create, rehearse and present a holistic performance for a specific purpose, for a friendly but unfamiliar audience. Perform a range of repertoire pieces and arrangements, combining acoustic instruments to form mixed ensembles, including a school orchestra. Perform from memory or with notation, with confidence and accuracy. Include instrumental parts/improvisatory sections/composed passages within the rehearsal and performance. Use musical words to describe and give opinions. Evaluate and improve their work using success criteria. Year 6 Create, rehearse and present a holistic performance for a specific event, for an unfamiliar audience, with a detailed understanding of the musical, cultural and historical contexts. Perform a range of songs as a choir in school assemblies, school performance opportunities and to a wider audience. Perform from memory or with notation. Understand the value of choreographing any aspect of a performance. Understand the importance of the performing space and how to use it. Rehearse and lead parts of the performance, individually or as a group. Evaluate and improve their work using success criteria. 			

Appraising – Review and Respond						
Wye Class	Avon Class	Teme Class	Severn Class			
Assessment • Use think, pair, share to respond	 Assessment Self-assessment and peer assessment 	Assessment • Through questioning and giving their opinions. • Self-assessment and peer assessment	Assessment • Through questioning and giving their opinions. • Self-assessment and peer assessment			

Key Vocabulary							
Wye	Wye Class Avon Class Teme Class Severn Class					n Class	
Pre School Nursery rhymes Action songs Instruments Share Respond Explore Listen Sing Play Learn Beat Pulse Voice Hands Feet Instrument Solo Group Shake Ring Rhythm Pitch High Low Long Short Perform Share Play Stop Move Listen Actions Big sounds Soft sounds Loud sounds Medium Hard Tap	Reception Pulse Rhythm Listen Voice Instruments Experience Respond Explore Practise Make Movement Music Song Sing Sounds	Year 1 Pitch Rap Improvise Compose Melody Bass guitar Drums Decks Perform Singers Keyboard Percussion Trumpets Saxophones Blues Baroque, Latin Irish folk Funk Groove Audience Imagination Dynamics Instrumental families Wind String Body percussion Opinion Musical cues Leader Conductor Notes Tune Pattern Rhythmic pattern Composition	Year 2 Bass Electric guitar Glockenspiel. Question and answer Dynamics Tempo Perform/performance Audience Reggae Ensemble Improvisation Notated Graphic Pictorial Video	Year 3 Structure Intro/introduction Verse Chorus Improvise Compose Pulse Rhythm Pitch Tempo Drums Guitar Keyboard Synthesizer Hook Texture Structure Organ Backing vocals Hook Riff Pentatonic scale Disco Styles Group Solo Inter-related dimensions	Year 4 Unison Rhythm patterns Musical style Lyrics Choreography Digital/electronic sounds Turntables Synthesizers By ear Notation Backing vocal Birdsong Civil rights Racism Equality	Year 5 Rock, bridge, backbeat, amplifier, chorus, bridge, riff, hook, improvise, compose, appraising, Bossa Nova, syncopation, structure, Swing, tune/head, note values, note names, Big bands, pulse, rhythm, solo, ballad, verse, interlude, tag ending, strings, piano, guitar, bass, drums, melody, cover, Old-school Hip Hop, Rap, riff, synthesizer, deck, backing loops, Funk, scratching, unison, melody, cover, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, Soul, groove, riff, bass line, brass section, harmony, melody. pulse, rhythm, pitch and dynamics. Instrumental families, instrumental families, instrument, wind, string, percussion, opinion, musical cues, leader, conductor, notes, tune, pattern, rhythmic pattern, melody, composition.	Year 6 style indicators, melody, compose, improvise, cover, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure, dimensions of music, Neo Soul, producer, groove, Motown, hook, riff, solo, Blues, J azz, improvise/ improvisation, by ear, melody, riff, solo, ostinato, phrases, unison, Urban Gospel, civil rights, gender equality, unison, harmony. pulse, beat, rhythm, pitch, texture, tempo, dynamics, timbre, structure, notation. Instrumental families, instrument, wind, string, percussion, brass, musical language, inter-related dimensions, ensemble, soloist, stylistically, musically, diction, tuning,