

Music development plan summary: Durham Lane Primary School

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Fozeia Khan
Name of local music hub	TVMS
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	TVMS

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 and how much time is spent teaching music.

At Durham Lane Primary School, we want every child to experience music and develop a love of music throughout their school career as we believe that it can enrich their life, develop creativity and help with their emotional development whilst allowing them to form connections with others.

Durham Lane Primary School has published our school music curriculum on our website which outlines our intent, implementation and impact for this subject.

Music teaching in Durham Lane Primary delivers the requirements of the National Curriculum; we use the Charanga scheme of work which we have adapted in order to show the progression of knowledge and skills as well as the progressive vocabulary needed for this subject.

In Early Years, the children are given a range of opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom to sing and perform songs and nursery rhymes, and are encouraged to explore a variety of untuned instruments as well as listening to music whilst being encouraged to move in time to it.

We have timetabled music lessons in all year groups. Years 1-6 have weekly, one hour music lessons with a music specialist (from TVMS) for one and a half terms per year. During these sessions, the music specialist concentrates mainly on composition, improvisation, playing and singing. For the rest of the year, class teachers use the Charanga music scheme, concentrating mainly on listening and appraising music, singing and performance; these lessons take place weekly.

During music lessons at Durham Lane Primary School, pupils are given the opportunities to:

- Listen to, discuss and appreciate a diverse range of musical genres;
- Sing songs from a range of genres and cultures as a whole-class ensemble, including rounds;
- Play a range of instruments, including both rhythmic and melodic instruments e.g. chime bars, percussion instruments, ukuleles and recorders;
- Learn to read music and compose tunes/raps etc. of their own;
- Learn about aspects of the history of music and the wide range of musicians and composers which enabled music to evolve over time
- In our school, we fully embrace the statement from the Model Music Curriculum: "Music has a rare and unique ability to bring people together; music making can make a whole class, school and community feel connected to others and part of something bigger." For this reason, **ALL** children in our school access music lessons and are encouraged to participate at their own level, with barriers to potential achievement being removed wherever possible.
- We work closely with TVMS on both delivering our music curriculum as well as providing opportunities to experience and enjoy music outside of the classroom.

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 use TVMS to teach singing to any child who wishes to participate from Y4-6.
- We offer our pupils the opportunity to participate in a choir led by our singing teacher from TVMS. This group of mixed aged children from years 4-6, enjoy weekly practice sessions at lunchtime where they develop the skills to sing together as an ensemble. These sessions are free to all pupils who wish to participate, as the school pays for this provision.
- Alongside the TVMS, we encourage our pupils to attend Saturday singing sessions at a nearby secondary school where they can join a local youth choir and we actively encourage this.
- We take KS1 and KS2 classes to "Snappy Music" sessions arranged by TVMS to enable them to learn to participate in musical experiences with other local primary schools.

Part C: Musical experiences

At Durham Lane Primary School, we believe that music should not just be contained to classroom learning and endeavour to give our children a range of opportunities to engage in musical activities and to express themselves through music.

- We teach the children a variety of songs and hymns which they practise during assemblies each week. Some of these have a Christian message, but many do not and we endeavour to teach children the meaning of the songs they are learning.
- Each year group delivers an assembly to the whole school and to parents and a musical element is always contained within this.
- We celebrate a range of Christian festivals throughout the year such as harvest, Easter and Christmas. The whole school learn songs appropriate to each of these festivals and perform them as a collective. At Christmas, EY take part in a performance in school which is shared with all the children as well as the parents. Y1-Y6 also take part in a special performance at the Oakwood Centre which allows them

to perform to a much larger audience. Each year group learns and performs at least one song and this is sometimes accompanied by children playing percussion instruments.

- Each year we host a Summer festival including music from professional singers and musicians which our families can attend.
- During assemblies, we expose our pupils to a range of musical genres and intend to develop this over the next year.
- Each Friday playtime, all children from Y1-6 take part in Musical Friday where they are encouraged to move to an eclectic mix of music.
- Each year, our school choir (Year 4-6) attend The Stockton Mayor's Carol Service whereby they perform Christmas songs in front of a large audience, including other schools as well as special dignitaries.

In the future

In order to improve our music provision further, we plan to do the following:

- We intend to use TVMS to provide instrument tuition to children either at lunchtime or after school. This will have cost implications for our families, but we aim to provide support for Pupil Premium children
- We aim to build upon our musical appreciation during assemblies by having a more rigorous approach to this, using ideas from the Model Music Curriculum.
- We aim to provide more opportunities for our choir to sing together and to perform in front of an audience e.g. performances to school, performing at Christmas at a local Care Home.
- We would like to have at least two more performance per year by either our choir or instruments which will be taught outside of our curriculum.
- We would like to be able to work with TVMS to provide at least one opportunity per year to listen to a band/group live at school.