

Music

Intent: what are we trying to achieve?

At Anns Grove our intent is to provide a curriculum that supports the musical development of all children, irrespective of background, need or ability. We aim to present children with opportunities to improvise, compose, sing, perform and experience a wide variety of recorded and live music. We are intent on creating a school culture that embraces creativity and provides children with a secure understanding of the basics of music theory. Children from EYFS up to Y6 are taught weekly music lessons which are designed to match the requirements of Musical Development Matters in the Early Years, the National Curriculum and the Model Music Curriculum (MMC). The MMC's framework focuses on four key areas: singing, listening, composing and performing. We have embedded these four strands into our music curriculum and provide opportunities for children to make continuous progress in all of them. We also recognise the ability of music to bring people together and support empathy and creativity. Our music curriculum aims to improve children's listening and teamworking skills, as well as their ability to improvise and compose original pieces of music.

Implementation: how are music lessons being delivered?

The music curriculum at Anns Grove has been designed to engage, challenge and support all pupils regardless of their ability or prior learning. Pupils are taught a range of skills and knowledge related to the key areas of the subject: singing, listening, composing and performing. These skills are repeatedly revisited to enable pupils to retain and build upon what they have learnt. Pupils also take part in regular musical appreciation sessions in which they are exposed to an incredibly broad range of music from across the world and throughout history. This helps to further their cultural capital. Lessons are made engaging through a varied range of topics, hands on activities and opportunities for pupils to work in pairs, small groups or as a whole class. Our children also take part in weekly singing assemblies, lunchtime clubs, after school clubs and are offered the opportunity to take part in peripatetic instrument lessons on the guitar, keyboard or drums. These activities provide an informal setting for children to further develop their musical knowledge and skills.

Impact: what difference is music making?

Music is a popular subject at Anns Grove. Pupils are engaged in their learning and enjoy their lessons, singing assemblies, musical appreciation sessions and after school clubs. In addition to this, pupils learn the basics of musical theory and are able to learn how to play, compose and perform on a number of different instruments. Pupils leave each year equipped with the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary for the next stage of their musical education. They are also proud to be able to perform in front of their peers and families at seasonal events and assemblies.