

Music development plan summary: Yarlside Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Story
Name of local music hub	Westmorland and Furness

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, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

To read in more detail about the provision of music at Yarlside Academy, please visit our music curriculum page at: www.yarlsideacademy.co.uk/curriculum/subject-information/music/

Music is taught for approximately 1 hour each week in each class from Early Years to Year 6. Lessons are generally taught by the class teacher. The Kapow scheme of work forms the basis of our curriculum. Pupils are exposed to a wide variety of different genres and musicians, and they experience playing a wide selection of tuned and untuned percussion instruments. Whole class keyboard lessons are taught in Year 6.

In Early Years, pupils explore sound using voices and instruments. They learn a variety of songs and rhymes and have opportunities to make up their own songs and tunes.

Part B: Extra-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.

- Yarlside Academy has a school choir made up of children in Key Stage 2 who perform to local nursing homes each term. At Christmas, they also perform in other venues eg Tesco
- Key Stage 2 pupils take part in Young Voices at Manchester each year (funded by school).
- Pupils from Year 1 through to Year 6 have the option to participate in a rock band, provided by Rock Steady Music. The children can choose the instrument they would like to learn ie electric guitar, bass, keyboard, drums or vocal.
- Children have the opportunity to be part of the Trust Choir, working together with both secondary students and primary students from other trust 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.

- Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils perform a musical Christmas play/nativity in the Autumn term.
- Each class performs a song or piece of music in front of parents during the Autumn Term Harvest Festival, the Christmas coffee morning and afternoon and the Spring term coffee morning and afternoon.
- The school choir perform at local nursing homes each term.
- Children get the opportunity to sing in assembly twice a week.
- Year 5 and 6 children are invited to performances of musical plays by the feeder secondary schools.
- Key Stage 2 children have the opportunity to attend local amateur dramatic musical performances in the local area several times a year.
- Year 6 go to see a musical show in London when they have their residential.
- Children are developing their music skills with tutoring from Rock Steady professionals in their chosen instruments.
- The Rock Steady bands perform once a term to the school and parents/grandparents.

In the future

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

- Participating in Barrowful Festival of Colours workshops with a performance in the local area.
- Further develop opportunities for the children to experience live music performances to inspire a love of music.
- Plan for opportunities for the children to learn more about some musicians covered in the curriculum.
- Children to continue performing as part of the Furness Education Trust Choir.
- To develop a musical theatre club that will perform a showcase to the school and families at the end of the summer term.
- Opportunities for EYFS to attend concerts by the Liverpool Philharmonic at Barrow Library.