

Music

Intent

At Clara Grant the intention is that children gain a firm understanding of what music is through listening, singing, playing, evaluating, analysing, and composing across a wide variety of musical styles, traditions and genres. Our objective is to develop a curiosity for music, as well as an understanding and acceptance of the validity and importance of all types of music, and a respect for the way we choose to express ourselves through music. We want our children to understand the value and importance of music in the wider community, and to be able to use their musical skills, knowledge, and experiences to involve themselves in music in a variety of different contexts.

Implementation

The music curriculum ensures children sing, listen, play, perform and evaluate. This is embedded in Clara Grant in classroom music, weekly singing assemblies, various concerts and performances and the learning of instruments. Children receive weekly music lessons from a specialist for half of the school year. They also receive weekly singing assemblies across the year. In Y3, all children learn strings and can choose to continue this throughout KS2. In doing so, all children learn how to read basic music notation. The elements of music are taught in class music lessons so that children are able to use some of the language of music to understand how it is made, played, appreciated and analysed. They also learn how to compose focussing on different elements of music, which in turn feeds their understanding when listening, playing, or analysing music.

Impact

At Clara Grant, children have access to a varied music 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 develops important qualities such as: achievement, self-confidence, interaction with and awareness of others, and self-reflection. Through music, our children develop an understanding of culture and history. Children are able to enjoy music, analyse 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.

Enrichment

We maximise children's Music learning through providing them with a range of rich, memorable experiences. Our music provision complements our topics and helps children makes links in their learning. Music enrichment activities at Clara Grant include:

- Choir
- O2 Young Voices Concert
- Collaboration with ELAM (East London Arts and Music)
- Tower Hamlets Song Competitions
- Black History Month Drumming Workshops
- End of Key Stage Musicals
- Music Appreciation Week
- Use of "Sing up" in assembly and in class.