

Music development plan summary: The Clara Grant Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 25
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Name of the school music lead	Áine Nettleton
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Heilandi Jansen
Name of local music hub	THAMES
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

At The Clara Grant Primary school, each year group is guaranteed a 45 minute music lesson which is informed by the Collins Music Express hub.

Currently, these sessions are led by class teachers, with an idea to shift to an employed music specialist teacher later in the year. If required before the specialist is available, the Music lead can demonstrate the specialist skill for lessons. The curriculum in place has been cultivated with support from the Collins Music Express hub, cross referencing the skills listed in government guidance, THAMES music, and the expertise from the music lead.

Within each lesson children listen and appraise music from various cultures, traditions, backgrounds and genres. The lessons follow a progressive skills-based approach through the school, building on their skill set each year.

Beginning in EYFS, there are opportunities to use percussion instruments alongside their singing lessons to develop their understanding of interrelated dimensions of music, and the levels of composition. Further up the school they will be introduced to tuned percussion, keyboards, string and brass instruments.

Our SEND provision pupils have daily musical intervals and instruments readily available at all times. They learn how to play percussion instruments and have the opportunity to explore the sounds of instruments such as the guitar.

In year 4, they learn string instruments (violin and cello) with THAMES music. The aim of this is to be able to showcase the songs and skills they have learned in end of term performances. Bespoke music lessons are delivered for a selected group of pupils in Years 5 & 6 who show a passion and flair for music; these lessons are delivered by THAMES. The specialist teachers from THAMES music work with the children, and liaise with music/choir lead on school performances.

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.

At the Clara Grant Primary school, children have the opportunity to join the extra-curricular choir. This is fronted by the school's skilled music lead and takes place during one lunchtime a week in order to create an equal opportunity for all, rather than after school. The choir is open up to KS2 from September, later in the year spaces can be offered to Year 2 children. During choir children are exposed to a range of vocal techniques and genres and how this changes the style of singing required. They can also witness music being played from their choir leader, as the songs are broken down and taught. In Autumn term, choir works towards the Harvest festival and the Christmas concert. In Spring term we have the Young Voices performance at the O2, and the Easter celebration. In summer term, the choir will prepare songs for a summer showcase and the school fete.

Another lunchtime activity is offered to our talented children who had previously excelled in their string lessons in year 4. A group of 5 - 10 children from Years 5 and 6 receive 30 - 45 minutes weekly group lessons where they can continue their practice of the violin or cello with their THAMES music teacher in greater depth. This then means they form a string band and can work towards showcasing their songs at termly events.

Singing assemblies are led by the music lead, and choir representatives. These assemblies follow the school songs that are learnt in rotation across all key stages.

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.

The children have several opportunities to perform and experience high quality music throughout the academic year. Please see the list of the opportunities for the academic year 2024 -25.

- African Drums workshop black history month.
- Puppet performance with Indonesian drums Gamelan project.
- Strings lessons and performances with THAMES music.
- KS2 Christmas concert to parents.
- EYFS and KS1 Nativity play performance.
- Young voices performance at Greenwich O2 Arena.
- Easter concert for parents.
- School Summer Fete performance from the choir.
- EYFS seasonal shows for parents.
- SEND music based interventions.
- Cross curricular music in topic assemblies.

In the future

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

Our development plan for this year is as follows:

- Offer 1:1/small group individual instrument sessions afterschool which will be delivered by THAMES music and our music specialist teacher who will be starting with us from November 2024.
- A music teacher employed is able to lead in class lessons. **This will begin by November 2024 and they will be teaching music across the school.**
- SEND music sessions with a music specialist. **This will begin by January 2025 and this will be delivered by our music specialists within the school and possibly outside providers.**
- End of year performances by the pupils with a band for the parents and carers to come and enjoy. The end of term year performances will take place in December 2024 and in July 2025.
- Clara Grant to be part of an orchestra which performs across London. **Our music specialist will make links with schools within the Trust and we will join that existing orchestra.**