

Pickering Infant and Nursery School Music Development Plan Summary

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Gill Dunsmore
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music	Mrs Sarah Gillam
Name of local music hub	North Yorkshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s)	

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all of our children 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 children and parents or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our children's 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.

Pickering Community Infant and Nursery School's Music Curriculum is published [online](#). The school's curriculum is informed by the National Curriculum for Key Stage One and the EYFS Framework as well as the Model Music Curriculum. We use Sing Up as a basis for our Music Curriculum across school.

All children receive a weekly music lesson and, children in Key Stage One, attend a weekly singing assembly with opportunities for singing in all assemblies. The following time is the minimum allocated for curriculum music across all terms in the academic year.

- Nursery: 20 minutes
- Reception: 20 minutes
- Year One: 30 minutes
- Year Two: 30 minutes

Opportunities are provided in all music lessons for children to learn to sing and to develop these skills over time. The Sing Up Scheme is based on a focus song each term and

musical skills are developed around this. This is supported by a weekly whole school singling assembly followed by opportunities to practice these songs during other assemblies. Links are made in the assemblies with Number Fun songs, linking music with maths learning. Our music curriculum includes opportunities to learn to play untuned percussion instruments focusing on skills including relating to rhythm and beat.

Early Years music is delivered through holistic practice as an integral part of early development. Invitations to engage with sound are planned for every day and singing is integrated throughout the day. Each week there is a focused taught music session and children learn five nursery rhymes within each of the Nursery and Reception years.

Listening stations available across the school that allows the children to access a variety of different musical genres independently.

Outdoor speakers for listening to music during outdoor play and learning times are used.

Our Music Subject Leader works with North Yorkshire Music Hub to extend opportunities for the children and access CPD.

Foundation stage take part in Nursery Rhyme Week, with a big focus on not only singing the rhymes but also exploring other learning opportunities relating to them. Parents are invited to share in this.

Outdoor opportunities for musical development – outdoor drums, chimes, selection of other untuned instruments for exploration.

Part B: Co-curricular Music

A member of our staff team leads a school singing group, called 'Singing Squad'. They perform regularly at school events, including Friends of School Winter and Summer fairs and at our termly performances. This is run at lunchtime so that all children in Years One and Two are able to attend, regardless of their out of school circumstances. This offers further opportunities to sing at events within the wider community. This includes the annual 'Music Matters' concert and at events such as Christmas town shopping events.

We offer a weekly recorder club to Key Stage One children for a 7 week block.

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.

During 2024/25, we will continue to offer a wide range of musical experiences to our children.

All of our children in Key Stage One participate in a weekly singing assembly and the songs taught during this assembly are developed daily over the course of each week. Each assembly is complimented by a focused listening piece. These come from a range of genres, including classical and modern. The children are also taught a song linked to their maths learning which are rehearsed daily over a two-week period. These come from the scheme Number Fun.

Our children from Nursery through to Year Two, participate in annual performances at Christmas, including a Christmas production, carol concert and church service. They also perform in the summer with family and friends as the audience. Children in Reception through to Year Two also take part in the annual international Sing Up event, during a parent assembly.

Our Friends of School fund an annual visit from a theatre company who perform a musical theatre show based on a different story theme each year. The children are the audience for this production which is offered to children from Nursery through to Year Two.

We work closely with the North Yorkshire Music Hub that keep us updated with other musical opportunities that can be offered to the children.

In the future

- Develop links with musical opportunities in the wider community – bands/ schools/ theatre/ choirs.
- Explore opportunities to offer a greater variety of extra-curricular music lessons to children.

Further information

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Visit North Yorkshire Music Service for information on local opportunities for young people.

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<http://www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk/>