

Music Curriculum Intent Statement

Intent

Music is everywhere in the world around us, whether as background music in shops, video games or television programmes or from what we choose to listen to and concerts or gigs we attend. Through teaching music at Ecton Village Primary Academy, we aim to instil a love of music; enable confidence to be creative and empower children with the ability to express themselves through this universal language, whether that be through singing, playing an instrument, performing, composing or improvising.

Implementation

At Ecton Village Primary Academy we deliver a lively and stimulating music curriculum, which offers children a broad range of experiences as they progress through the school. Our children enjoy singing, both in their class music lessons and in weekly singing assemblies. Children are able to explore rhythm and beat and these skills extend as children progress through the school to include more complex rhythms, ostinatos, syncopation and polyrhythms alongside reading stave notation and representing music through graphic scores. Inter-related dimensions of music are built in to our teaching and these skills are fully embedded as children reach Upper Key Stage 2. Children are given opportunities to improvise through games and songs and composing through age appropriate stimuli across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Children begin writing down their compositions using graphic scores and symbols in Key Stage 1 and gradually this extends to being able to use stave notation by then end of Key Stage 2. Our Lower Key Stage 2 children learn an instrument through First Access Project, most recently learning ukulele and African Drumming; they are taught these instruments by teachers from Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust. Children develop their reading of stave notation and rhythm throughout Key Stage 2. All children have a variety of performance opportunities. Our music curriculum is enriched with our school choir, which regularly performs in different settings in the local community.

Impact

The Ecton values of IREACH run throughout our curriculum and we aim to build children's confidence and resilience through our music teaching and by creating a fun and safe environment for children to explore new sounds, perform, improvise and compose. We recognise that learning an instrument and singing takes time and patience to develop the skills necessary and celebrate children's success as they achieve these skills. By teaching a range of different genres of music, we will show children how diverse music is and teach children to respect music from their own and other people's cultures. All children will leave Ecton Village Primary Academy having explored a variety of different genres of music and be confident to say what genres they have and have not enjoyed in an insightful, informed and respectful way.