

Music development plan summary: AMPNEY CRUCIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Alison Hopkins
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	GSW Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

At Ampney Crucis Primary School, music is a way for children to express their emotions enjoyably and creatively. It plays an important role in personal development and at Ampney Crucis Primary School we aim to provide opportunities for all children to create, play, perform, listen, analyse and enjoy music across a wide range of periods, genres and styles. We are committed to ensuring children understand the value and importance of music in the wider community and aim to provide opportunities for children to use their musical skills, knowledge and experiences to involve themselves in music, in a variety of different contexts.

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 Ampney Crucis Primary School, we follow the Sing Up curriculum which is mapped against the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, National Curriculum for Music and Model Music Curriculum from Reception to Year 6. All children receive weekly music lessons.

In Reception, the children have 30 minute lessons. In addition, they have the opportunity to listen to and sing familiar songs daily, and have access to musical instruments in continuous provision.

In Key Stage 1, the children have 40 minute lessons.

In Key Stage 2, the children have 50 minute lessons.

In addition, all children listen to music during the day, focused on our 'Musician of the Month'. The children have the opportunity to discuss the music including the genre, the instruments they can hear, the tempo and dynamics and how the music makes them feel.

We have invested in whole class ensemble tuition (WCET), giving children the opportunity to learn an instrument.

2023-24: KS1: violin

Reception: ukulele

2024-25: LKS2: ukulele

Reception: steel drums

We have invested in a class set of ukuleles to enable children to build upon skills learnt within lessons.

We have updated our glockenspiels in school to provide a new class set, enabling children to use these within lessons.

There is a singing focus in all music lessons, allowing children to build upon skills learnt throughout their musical journey in school.

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 Ampney Crucis Primary School, we offer additional opportunities for children to be involved in music and music making outside of lesson time.

We offer small group tuition for the following instruments:

Drums: Kelvin Williams

Guitar: Roi Geyari

Piano: Imogen Seth-Smith

All tuition lessons are chargeable. Pupils may be eligible for subsidised tuition in particular circumstances.

We offer a school choir and Young Voices choir for all Key Stage 2 children.

The school choir meet on Tuesday lunchtime.

Young Voices choir meet on a Friday morning before school and Wednesday lunchtime.

The Eco-house is available for children to use at lunchtimes if they wish to practice or rehearse individually or in groups.

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.

At Ampney Crucis Primary School, the children have the opportunity to experience music in different ways.

- Musician of the Month: this programme enables the children to listen to music from a range of cultures and genres. The children can discuss the music and how it makes them feel.
- Whole school singing: songs are learnt across the school relevant to the season and upcoming church services.
- Church services: children perform songs in the church for Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Leavers services
- Church services: school choir perform a song
- Productions: KS1 perform a musical Nativity each year
 - KS2 perform every other year
- Young Voices choir perform at Resorts World in Birmingham each year
- Small group tuition for drums and guitar perform to parents and whole school each year
- Whole school visit to the pantomime at Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham. This is partly funded by our PTA.
- YR watch 'Cbeebies Proms' as part of their learning
- Choir performing at Community Carols in December

In the future

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

At Ampney Crucis Primary School, we always strive to improve our provision and the music experiences for our children.

These are our aims for this academic year:

- Embed new Sing Up curriculum
- Explore opportunities offered by Gloucestershire Music including live music
- Explore opportunities offered by local secondary schools including live music
- Ensure all staff are competent to use ukuleles within lessons
- Monitor music teaching throughout the school using pupil voice, teacher voice in staff meetings and lesson observations
- Identify CPD needs of staff and monitor confidence of composition and notation
- Explore opportunities for ensembles for children to join locally
- Ensure that children are sensitively guided to learning an appropriate instrument for their specific needs

Further information

At Ampney Crucis Primary School, we are supported by the GSW music hub and are part of the following networks and organisations:

- Music Mark
- Network Meetings
- CPD days run by GSW in Gloucester