

Music development plan summary: Worth Valley Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Tracy Whittam
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Bradford Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

Part A: Curriculum music

At Worth Valley Primary School, we believe that music is the soundtrack to life, enriching our students' experiences and providing them with valuable skills that go beyond the classroom. Our music curriculum is designed to foster a deep appreciation for music, while offering a variety of opportunities for children to develop their talents.

Worth Valley Primary School's music curriculum follows the National Curriculum guidelines and is delivered through our chosen Music package Kapow which focuses on developing knowledge and skills in: Performing, Listening, Composing, The history of music and Inter-related dimensions of music: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, texture, structure, timbre.

The children at Worth Valley start their musical education when they arrive in our Pre School provision, where they sing songs, rhymes and play instruments on a daily basis. As the children move into Nursery and Reception they continue to learn new songs, rhymes and learn to keep a steady beat. As the children progress through school, they will listen to a wide variety of music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions. The curriculum is in line with

the 2022 National Plan for Music and the Music Model Curriculum and also the non-statutory guidance for teaching music.

The children receive a weekly one hour music lesson in a designated music room and a weekly 20 minute whole school singing assembly during which children listen to a range of music from different backgrounds and learn to sing a wide repertoire of songs, working on increasing accuracy of pitch, singing together, singing in parts, and in canon and adding harmonies. The music room provides a space for all lessons to happen in and has a range of resources and instruments. Year 3 class also enjoy a forty-minute weekly Samba lesson taught by a specialist teacher from the Bradford Music Hub.

Music is an inclusive subject with small group compositions or ear defenders being provided to ensure that all children can partake in practical sessions and make music with their peers. Questioning is differentiated and mixed grouping is encouraged to support all levels of understanding. Music can be used to build children's confidence and encouraging them to perform to each other is a useful tool in this success. Verbal praise and rewards for effort and attitude are also important so all feel valued.

<https://www.worthvalleyprimary.co.uk/music/>

<https://www.bradfordmusiconline.co.uk/site/>

Part B: Co-curricular music

One of the key features of our music program is the opportunity for children to learn to play the guitar. Lessons are provided by an external specialist who visits the school every Thursday morning. Students are grouped according to their ability, ensuring that each child receives personalised instruction tailored to their level. These lessons build confidence and skill, and our young musicians are given the chance to showcase their achievements during special school assemblies.

At Worth Valley Primary, we are committed to cultivating a love of music in all its forms, helping our students build a lifelong connection to this universal language.

Through a diverse range of musical experiences, we encourage children to express themselves, develop their creativity, and understand how music can be a constant companion throughout their lives.

Part C: Musical experiences

Worth Valley Primary School provides a wide variety of musical experiences throughout the academic year, including a weekly singing assembly and music celebrations throughout the year as well as musical performances of the nativity from Early Years and Key Stage One and the end of Year 6 performance at the end of the year.

Out of the Ark's fantastic Sparkyard is used in whole school assemblies. This provides the children with a fabulous range of catchy and seasonally linked songs. EYFS access to music is integrated into the children's weekly learning, enabling the children to become familiar with rhyme and rhythm.

The whole school have opportunity to enjoy a concert by The Plumber Drummer each year and Year 2 take part in a visit to St George's Hall for Meet the Musical Heroes tour. The whole school walk to our local church to perform a range of Christmas songs in December.

In the future

The future is an exciting place! In the coming year, we are continuing to develop our designated Music Room. It will be full of instruments and resources to allow the children to fully immerse themselves in their musical journey at Worth Valley. This space provides a comfortable area for guitar tuition sessions and as a rehearsal area for school productions.

The opportunities for the children to see a range of musicians performing and to listen to their experiences of playing will continue and the children's knowledge of musical styles will grow.

