

Music Curriculum

Intent, Implementation and Impact



At St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, we value each child as an individual with a unique potential for learning. We strive to be an inclusive community where children grow, learn and achieve together in the presence of God. With a culture of equality, we aim to ensure that every child believes in themselves and are empowered to aim high.

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Our intention is for pupils first and foremost to enjoy music as part of a joyful schooling and hence to improve their wellbeing. Every child is capable of extraordinary things and so we will provide opportunities for pupils to develop an appreciation of different forms, periods and styles of music. From our highest expectations, children will be able to discuss, express and evaluate the impact that music has on them. (Listening and appreciation)	Music is highly valued at St Thomas More for many reasons. It helps the brain to develop, improves confidence and social skills, relieves stress, and teaches focus, determination and resilience. Class music is mainly taught through Oak Academy Music, an online tool that is inspiring and challenging for children and allows teachers to adapt lessons according to their expertise. Oak Academy Music covers all requirements of the National Curriculum and uses a fresh and accessible approach. By using Oak Academy Music we are supporting pupils to develop their knowledge of music and skills in music-making, instilling a love of music and musical learning as well as fostering creativity, expression and confidence. Pupils learn how and why they sing, and rehearsal and ensemble skills. Later key stages further develop musical skills and understanding, encouraging instrumental proficiency, confidence in composing and embedding musical literacy skills to allow pupils to engage with music beyond the curriculum. These skills are show cased in Key Stage one in annual Nativity Performances and in Key Stage 2 in annual PFMAC concert performances.	- Children will enjoy music and look forward with enthusiasm to new musical experiences, which will improve their wellbeing and ability to learn; attainment will increase overall across all key stages. - Children will achieve age-related expectations in music at the end of their cohort year. - Children will retain knowledge that is pertinent to music and carry this through to secondary school. - The school will be a happy and confident place to be, with children having the courage to attempt still more in all areas of the curriculum.
We will ensure that all have the opportunity to perform and compose, with enjoyment and a sense of achievement at its heart. This may be with others in class, at school events, in church or externally at larger events.	The Oak Academy Music scheme provides many opportunities for performance, as well as listening, appreciation and improvising. Each unit focuses on performance, composition and engaged listening, through which pupils develop an understanding of the musical elements and how they can be used creatively and expressively. External music specialists come to work with a class once a week (currently Year 5) to teach them to play a brass or woodwind instrument. Each child has their own loaned instrument to use in class and for practice at home and lessons run for a whole academic year. The group performs a concert to	- Children will have the opportunity to foster their instrumental flair and use this as a form of expression. - Children will participate in performances inside and outside of school.

Each child will be supported and encouraged to be their very best and inspired to develop their musical talents, whatever their ability or level of confidence. (Performing and composing)	showcase their learning to the school and to parents, which gives an incentive for children to do their very best. There are strong links between RE and music. Classes and/or the whole school sing in assemblies, masses and larger events such as the Christmas carol service, fostering unity as a school. Key Stage 2 children have the opportunity to sing in the school choir in which they practise a variety of musical styles and learn vocal techniques to improve their singing. Regular events are the Christmas Lights Event in Kidlington and Carol Singing at Local residential homes for the elderly. Both of which foster resilience and perseverance, and children get a real sense of achievement from sharing their hard work and talent with our local community. Children from Reception Class, Key Stages 1 and 2 are able to join Rock Steady, an extra-curricular activity in which they have the chance to learn an instrument to play and perform in a rock band. Children are made aware of external opportunities they can join outside school, eg choirs and ensembles at the Oxfordshire Music Service. Pupil Premium children are encouraged to apply for free lessons with OCMS to ensure fairness. We have invested in quality instruments such as glockenspiels to enhance our music curriculum here at St Thomas More School.	• Children will experience a boost in self-esteem and confidence as a result of practising and ultimately performing. • Children will be more aware of musical opportunities and have the confidence to join in. Choir, Rock Steady and OCMS lessons will be well attended. • Music co-ordinator will take advantage of Music CPD and networking, and OCMS courses and support to further improve Music teaching alongside the Oak Academy resources.
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