

Music development plan summary: Acklam Whin Primary School



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs R Goodman
Name of local music hub	TVMS
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Music Monsters

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 Acklam Whin Primary School, we follow the award winning Charanga scheme which allows our children to develop a love of music as well as develop their skills as musicians in a fun and engaging way. All children are actively encouraged and given the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument, from standard classroom instruments to individual instrumental lessons with the visiting peripatetic staff. Music is delivered through:

1. A singing assembly once a fortnight and singing every week in our whole school singing assembly
2. Classroom music lessons
3. Extra-curricular music
4. Performances to the school and wider community

We strive to make music a practical and enjoyable learning experience that will inspire and motivate children. Music is inclusive to all pupils and contributes to a child's emotional, spiritual and social development. It promotes a sense of community and allows opportunities for self-expression. We strongly believe that music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity and participation and engagement in musical activities can increase self-discipline, aesthetic sensitivity and fulfilment. We want all of our pupils to experience a wide and varied music curriculum, which ignites a passion for music that leaves them excitedly seeking further opportunities to continue their musical journey.

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." Plato

Music is taught in 45 minute sessions each term, for six to eight weeks. It is delivered by class teachers, following the Charanga programme. The lessons are planned in sequences to provide children with the opportunities to review, remember, deepen and apply their understanding. In EYFS and KS1, untuned percussion instruments are introduced and in KS2, the children learn to play the Glockenspiel. We also work in partnership with TVMS who support us with workshops linked to each year groups' curriculum themes.



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 Acklam Whin Primary School, we are very proud to offer a variety of musical tuition opportunities. We currently offer small group violin lessons through TVMS to children in KS2. These children can also join the TVMS string ensemble which runs after school. This academic year, we have welcomed Music Monsters into school who offer piano/keyboard tuition to children in Y1-Y6. These lessons are funded by parents.

Children in KS2 are welcome to join our school choir which runs every Friday lunchtime. We enjoy performing to our friends, families and within the wider community. This year, we will be performing at the Christingle at our local church and with the other schools in our trust as part of a celebration event at Middlesbrough Town Hall. In the summer term, Mrs Goodman will run an African Drumming group for children in Y5 and Y6.

Singing assemblies take place once a fortnight and are led by Mrs Goodman. The children also sing every week in our whole school assemblies.



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.

Children at Acklam Whin Primary School have regular opportunities to perform and to experience high quality music performances. Please see below a list of opportunities:

- Christmas performances
- Singing assembly with Mrs Goodman
- Choir perform at the Christingle at St Margaret's, Brookefield
- Choir perform in whole school assemblies
- Choir to perform at Middlesbrough Town Hall in our TLLT Music Festival
- Y6 Leavers' Performance
- Y5 TVMS Snappy Magic Flute – workshop and performance with musicians and singers from the Royal Opera House
- Children perform regularly to each other as part of their curriculum lessons
- Opportunity for children who are learning how to play a musical instrument to perform in whole school assemblies



In the future

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

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- Continued high standards of music across school
- Introduce further live music opportunities across the school
- More CPD opportunities for music leader
- Further develop staff knowledge and confidence in maintaining high quality music lessons