



Music at Brampton

Intent

At Brampton Primary School, we provide opportunities for all children to create, play, perform and enjoy music, to develop skills and appreciate a wide variety of musical forms. We embrace the National Curriculum purpose of study which states:

“Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. A high-quality music education should engage and inspire pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, and so increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement. As pupil’s progress, they should develop a critical engagement with music, allowing them to compose, and to listen with discrimination to the best in the musical canon.”

The objectives of teaching music at Brampton Primary School are to:

- Encourage our children’s understanding and enjoyment of music through an active involvement in listening, composing and performing;
- Provide the opportunity for children to develop their individual skills, sharing experience and cooperating with others;
- Help children to develop an awareness of musical traditions and developments from a variety of cultures.

Strand 1 - Singing

During Key Stage 1 the children learn a variety of action and non-action songs both traditional and modern and from different cultures. They learn to sing as part of a group and they are given the opportunity to sing solo.

In Key Stage 2 they learn a wide variety of songs in different genres through units on folk songs, reggae, protest songs, classic pop and modern pop songs. All children participate in the weekly singing assemblies.

Strand 2 - Listening

In Key Stage 1 the children engage in units on The Carnival of the Animals, The Nutcracker and Peter and the Wolf as well as other units taken from Music Express.

In Key Stage 2 listening is based on units mainly from BBC 10 Pieces and cover a wide range of topics including minimalism, fusion, film music and around themes such as nature, art, space, special occasions and others.

National Curriculum

Aims:

- Perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of great composers and musicians
- Learn to sing and use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, to have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence
- Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated through the inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations

Strand 3 - Composing

From Year 1 to Year 6 the children use the wide range of instruments available to compose music in groups and as a class, linked to the topic being studied. They perform their compositions and appraise the work of others. In Years 5 and 6 they use graphic scores to record their compositions.

Strand 4 – Instrumental Learning

In Year 1 the children learn to play djembes through experimenting with pattern and rhythm. In Year 2 and 4 they learn recorder, there they begin to read music. In Year 3 they learn ukulele, taught by Newham Music. In Year 5 and 6 they learn guitar.

EYFS Early Learning Goals

- To sing to self and make up songs, remember and sing entire songs, rhymes and dances
- To make up rhythms
- To explore the different sounds of instruments
- To capture experiences and responses with a range of media such as music, dance, and paint and other materials and words

Strand 5 - Performing

- Each class presents an assembly to a parent audience each year, where they sing.
- All children participate in weekly singing assemblies.
- The choirs perform regularly throughout the year, including Christmas Concert and Achievement Evenings.

Extra Curricular

- More than 100 children participate in and perform regularly with the KS1, Junior and Senior Choirs.
- More than 30 children attend the KS1 Singing, Dancing & Drama Club
- There are 2 lunchtime recorder clubs.
- The Senior Choir participates in Young Voices every Year.
- Selected pupils attend interactive concerts at Barbican Centre and RFS.