



Music development plan 2024-2025

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Part A: Curriculum Music

At South Farnborough Junior school, the children enjoy music and love the creativity of it.

We follow a bespoke curriculum with several units of work based on the Hampshire Music service as well as other units to support our children as best as we can.

In all our units there is a focus on both the knowledge (musical dimensions – texture, timbre, pitch, duration, dynamics, structure) and skills (singing, playing, composing, rehearsing, notating, listening & responding and describing & discussing)

In Year 3 the children complete these units of work: Mystic Moments, Christmas is Coming, Chinese Lanterns, In the Hall of the Mountain King, Volcanoes and Our School.

In Year 4 the children complete these units of work: Superheroes, Reading Rhythms, River's Journey, Lucy in the sky with diamonds, Rocking Romans/ mini Ukulele unit and Find it, Make it, Play it!

In Year 5 the children complete these units of work: BBC Viking Song Saga, Read, Write and Remember to Twinkle, Space, Map Rappers, Greek Tragedy and A Bao A Qu.

In Year 6 the children complete these units of work: Amazing Machines, BBC Macbeth, Short Ride in a Fast Machine, Quiet Confidence and final school production.

We have access to a range of percussive instruments, ukuleles, glockenspiels and keyboards at school. The children have access to a Music room where they are able to use these instruments to support their musical journey or even the adjacent hall to use our microphone, speaker and lighting system to support their performances. The Children are given the chance to perform every half term as part of their Musical Learning Journeys. This forms part of the children's end of learning journey assessment too.

Each class has an "Artist of the week" in their classroom. This gives the class the opportunity to listen to music they might not have heard before.

We have singing assemblies in school for Years 3 and 4 and also Years 5 and 6.

We have many opportunities to perform as a school and as a school choir or orchestra. Years 3 and 4 enjoy creating and performing a Christmas themed play with various songs and dances. Year 5 enjoy practising and performing a variety of Christmas songs, including some with sign language.

Each year our school choir participate in the O2 Young Voices choir. We have weekly after school rehearsals to prepare for the Young Voices concert. The children also have the opportunity to perform a selection of songs from the O2 in school assemblies and to a local care home within walking distance.

The choir are also given the opportunity to perform during various planned performances within the local area. Such as The Frost Fair in Farnborough. We would like to ensure more opportunities can be created like this.

In previous years, we have had a school orchestra who performed and even had some live music from orchestra members during the school play.

We also love participating in World Music Day which is a fantastic opportunity for the children to perform! The whole school is invited to an outdoor concert, run by the children, which goes on throughout breaks and lunchtimes so that children can hear live music at various points in the day.

The Year 6s perform a final summer performance which they enjoy immensely. They have performed Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat and Matilda in recent years. Not only did every child participate in the musical numbers, but we also had some children who contributed by performing live music on guitar, keyboard or handheld percussive instruments during the performance. We were also able to rely on connections we have made by some local secondary schools offering some costumes and props to help support our children.

The peripatetic musical learning always has the music room available for the children to have individual and group practise with their teachers on set days. We are lucky to have some fantastic Hampshire Music teachers with the children on those days who are always aiming to get the best out of our children. They are able to achieve merit certificates and grades as they go. They are constantly striving for the next level of learning and often have assemblies to showcase what the children have been learning and to show how proud they should be of their determination and resilience.

We are lucky enough to have some fantastic connections to schools nearby who have been really pleased to be a part of our musical development recently.

Part B: Extra Curricular Music

The children are offered peripatetic musical lessons for brass, guitar and keyboards. The children are able to join the school choir and recorder club. We have previously had a school orchestra.

Each year our school choir participate in the 02 Young Voices choir. We have weekly rehearsals to prepare for the Young Voices concert. The choir are also given the opportunity to perform during various planned performances within the local area and within school.

There are often musical opportunities sent through to us from Hampshire and we have previously had members of staff talking through all the various opportunities the children can sign up to outside of school during an assembly with leaflets to take home.

We have also taken part in the Vocal Ambassadors programme (Hampshire Music Service) since it began.

Part C: Musical experiences

Each year our school choir participate in the 02 Young Voices choir. We have weekly rehearsals to prepare for the Young Voices concert. The choir are also given the opportunity to perform during various planned performances within the local area and within school.

Due to local connections around the area, we are lucky enough to have two colleges nearby who come and perform for the children. Their performers are able to explain their instruments and their pieces for our children to understand.

For World Music day, we had lots of live performances as well as pre-recorded performances from teachers and children!

In previous years, we have taken children to the Hampshire Primary Prom and would love to continue to do this.

Recently, we have signed up to a Discover Opera live lesson from the Royal Ballet and Opera. Each year we endeavour to find as many live opportunities for the children as we can.

In the future:

In the coming years, we will endeavour to invite local musicians and performers to interact with the children including live performances and Q&A sessions to inspire and engage our children. This will also positively impact our musical cultural capital.

We will continue to develop and foster a love of music in the children by regularly listening to various genres of music whilst also having the opportunities to discuss the

music and how different music supports and includes all children and staff of various backgrounds through Artist of the week.

We will continue to develop our love of music by encouraging and rewarding children with certificates in merit assembly and celebrating success in newsletters.

We will continue to develop our music teaching by looking into any musical training that would be suitable for our staff to ensure we are promoting music within the school as much as we can.