Music development plan summary: Chetwynd Junior School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Warwickshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	iRock

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.

Every week during PPA music provision, all children have dedicated music teacher to deliver a 45-minute lesson to each class in all year groups. The structure of our music lessons is tailored to the school specifically through the use of the KAPOW! scheme and discussion with curriculum specialists. Pupils have the opportunity to play a range of instruments during this time, such as keyboards, tuned percussion and singing.

In Year 3, children learn the recorder with the prospect to perform individual and group performances to their peers when they can *'Have Ambition'*. This programme is from the provision and training to an instrumental specialist by Warwickshire Music Hub.

Pupils are inspired and there is a consistent promotion of a love of music incorporating our school value '*Love to Learn'.* This is achieved through the listening to a variety of music genres, artists and pieces during assemblies and in lessons. Children also partake in 20-minute weekly singing assemblies whereupon they are exposed to a

wide assortment of songs where they can *'Be Proud'* when singing as a whole school. The pupils of Chetwynd Junior School perform regularly to others boosting morale where they *'Care for All.*

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 Chetwynd, we encourage participation in extra-curricular activities with the belief that children will develop a love of music and share this with the school community. This incorporates our core school beliefs to *'Be Proud, Love to Learn, Have Ambition* and *Care for All'*.

Children have the opportunity to learn instrumentals in peripatetic lessons provided by Warwickshire Music Hub taught by dedicated, professionally trained instrumentalist teachers. These include drums, guitar, violin and woodwind (focusing on flute and clarinet). This builds pupil confidence and involves the progression of music through the choice to take grades in a chosen instrument. Children under Warwickshire Virtual Schools are offered free instrumental lessons. Our Pupil Premium grant is also used to support families with peripatetic lesson and Young Voices.

The music provider iRock also visits Chetwynd and delivers extra-curricular sessions where children can learn current, contemporary songs and be part of an ensemble. Children are given the chance to perform to their peers and interact with others outside of their academic year.

Young Voices is a prominent activity outside of lesson time where children rehearse in order to partake in a mass choir concert of over 6000 at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham. This is an extremely popular provision and children greatly enjoy the chance to perform at a world-renowned venue!

Everyone is given the chance to enhance their vocal ability and progress beyond the core curriculum in regular singing assemblies with a weekly performance. Pupils enjoy this and can *'Be Proud'.*

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.

At Chetwynd, there is the provision of several musical events throughout the school calendar. Each year group partakes in a performance to the school community including parents and carers. Year 3 produce the Christmas production with a cross-curricular link with RE. Year 4 proudly present the Harvest performance during the Autumn term. Year 5 enjoy the chance to show their historical knowledge with a Tudor-based production. With Year 6 having the immense delight of their end of year production. These performances are also shown to our feeder Infant school for the children in Year 2.

Alongside this, there are several opportunities for children to perform to others outside of the school community, including the annual Christmas concert at Holy Trinity Church the and Summer concert. Assembly performances are given throughout the year for children who partake in peripatetic instrumental lessons within school. During weekly assemblies on both Thursdays and Fridays, children sing collectively as a school.

A particular highlight is the pantomime each year, with a professional company visiting school during the Christmas period.

In the 2023 – 2024 academic year, each class at Chetwynd school had a Bhangra dancing workshop with a trained professional. This gave the children the opportunity to *'Have Ambition'* and to *'Be Proud'*.

We regularly attend our feeder Infant School to watch their performances and also take groups to our local Secondary School to watch their productions including former Chetwynd pupils.

In the future

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

Music at Chetwynd Junior School is continuously evolving to provide opportunities for children to enhance their cultural capital and experience the Arts in as many ways possible.

In the future, we hope to achieve the Music Marks with the aid and partnership from Warwickshire Music Hub. This would be a significant achievement for the school, adding to our Humanities provision including the recent receival of the Arts Mark.

We also aim to expand the range of instrumental lessons taught within school and include more extra-curricular activities.

Through close links to our Secondary School and parent body, we have invited a group of Ex-Chetwynd pupils who have formed a band at their school. These young adults will perform at our Year 6 celebration 'ChetFest' in July when Year 6 leave us.

At Chetwynd, we can *'Have Ambition'* and *'Be Proud'* of our current status of Music with the endeavour to improve musical opportunities for all.

Our aim:

'At Chetwynd Junior School, every child will have the opportunity to take part in a performance, watch live music and learn an instrument.'