

Music

Intent

The National Curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Perform, listen to, review and evaluate music
- Be taught to sing, create and compose music
- Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated.

At Churchfields, the intention is that children gain a firm understanding of what music is through listening, singing, playing, evaluating, analysing and composing across a wide variety of historical periods, styles, traditions and musical genres. We are committed to developing a curiosity for the subject, as well as an understanding and acceptance of the validity and importance of all types of music in people's lives. We aim to help children in understanding the value and importance of music in the wider community, and to ensure that they are able to use their musical skills, knowledge and experiences to involve themselves in music in a variety of different contexts.

Implementation

Our music curriculum ensures that students listen, sing, play, perform and evaluate. This is embedded in classroom activities as well as our weekly singing assemblies, various concerts, productions and performance opportunities, the learning of instruments. The elements of music are taught in our classroom lessons so that children are able to use some of the language of music to dissect it, and understand how it is made, played, appreciated and analysed. In the classroom pupils gain knowledge of creating notes, as well as how to read basic music notation. They also learn how to compose by focussing on different dimensions of music. This feeds their understanding when listening to, playing, or analysing music. Performing and composing using body percussion and vocal sounds is also part of the curriculum, which develops the pupils' understanding of musical elements, without the added complexity of playing an instrument.

Impact

Whilst at Churchfields, children have access to a varied musical programme, which allows them to discover areas of strength, as well as areas that they might like to improve upon. They are able to access fundamental abilities such as achievement, self-confidence, interaction with and awareness of others, and self-reflection. Children have the opportunity to discuss and share their own thoughts, opinions and ideas, acknowledging and respecting that these may vary and that this is positive. Music will also develop an understanding of culture and history, both in relation to students individually, as well as ethnicities from across the world. Children are able to enjoy music in as many ways as they choose- either as listener, performer or creator. They can dissect music and comprehend its parts, they can sing and feel a pulse, and they have an understanding of how to further develop skills less known to them, should they ever develop an interest in their lives.

Musical Opportunities at Churchfields

We enjoy playing and singing music from a wide range of genres, including and enthusing children from the very youngest to the eldest members of our school. Whole-school singing is valued highly at Churchfields.

Our school choir runs most years and has performed in the local area in the past.

Children have numerous opportunities to develop their skills in music and drama during their time at Churchfields. Every year, the children put on an Infant Nativity and a Key Stage Two production. Class worship can also include singing, dance and drama too. The children take part in singing

assemblies every week, where part-singing is encouraged. Harvest, Christmas and Easter celebrations always include hymn-singing.

Musical opportunities are encouraged and nurtured through the extra-curricular activities run by music specialists that come into school. A high proportion of our children receive peripatetic instrumental lessons during school time on instruments such as piano, rock-guitar and ukulele. Our instrumentalists have regular opportunities throughout the year to perform to friends and families in school music concerts and events. We also regularly run a popular Performing Arts Club throughout the year which allows children to shine in music and the performing arts.

We continue to invest in music provision and resources. Our school also benefits from our close links with the Wiltshire Music Hub and Service, such as through staff training and cluster-wide pupil concerts.