

# Music Development Plan

[Grace Darling CoE Primary School] | 2024/25

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# Music at Grace Darling

## Curriculum Music

Area	What happens now	What we would like to see
<p><b>Overview</b></p>	<p>Our <i>EYFS Music Curriculum</i> is based on <a href="#">Development Matters</a> and has been devised to progress from our 2 year old provision through to Nursery and Reception and linked to the KS 1 curriculum and beyond to ensure meaningful musical progression. (Please see our <a href="#">EY Music Curriculum plan</a>)</p> <p>In EYFS, our pupils take part in action songs and rhymes that are sung daily, taken initially from our <a href="#">‘core’ songs &amp; rhyme bank</a>.</p> <p>They explore musical instruments and how to make sounds in different ways.</p> <p>They listen and move to different genres of music and are encouraged to express their feelings as well as making their own music, dancing and singing.</p> <p>Music is delivered with a ‘little and often’ approach and very much used to enhance the learning of all areas of the curriculum</p> <p><b>KS1 / 2</b> - We follow the <a href="#">National Curriculum for Music Education</a>. Music is also delivered with a ‘little and often’ approach, equalling approximately 1 hour per week.</p> <p>Our classroom staff teach <b>Curriculum Music Lessons</b> which tie in to our lines of enquiry and have been specifically planned by our Head of Primary Music to support non specialists in delivering the musical skills and knowledge as set out in the <a href="#">Model Music Curriculum</a>. Children sing, perform, appreciate, listen and compose during musical activities which tie in to our lines of enquiry and are fully planned and resourced for our staff.</p> <p>There are also <b>stand alone music lessons</b> throughout the year to be delivered by the classroom teacher, which tie in to events such as World Music Day, Black History Month, International Women’s Day and Pride.</p> <p>We also have <b>curriculum projects</b> which are delivered by our Trust music specialist. These are often more practical session which draw on the performance and multi instrumental skills of our Head of Primary Music.</p> <p>See our <a href="#">Music Curriculum Planning Document</a> for further information.</p>	<p>Staff using the word ‘pulse’ instead of ‘beat’</p> <p>Staff using the ‘core’ EYFS songs &amp; rhymes before exploring other material</p> <p>Staff to develop their outdoor music areas</p> <p>Staff to use the newly created EYFS Music Planning Ideas document to share good practise and ideas</p> <p>Further training for year group specific staff to grow confidence with practical music making, especially composition</p> <p><b>Listening:</b> Further ‘listening’ to music during transitional periods</p> <p><b>Singing:</b> That more staff use language relating to posture / breathing when singing during non music lessons.</p>

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<p><b>Whole Class Ensemble Tuition</b></p>	<p>In <b>Years 3, 4 &amp; 5</b> our pupils receive <b>whole class instrumental tuition</b> through our Recorder &amp; Brass ‘Karate’ scheme of work. Pupils can choose to continue learning in small groups in year 6. This project aims to ensure the rich local heritage of brass bands is kept alive in Newbiggin, and is partially funded by the Newbiggin by the Sea Partnership.</p> <p><b>Who takes part</b> - Year 3 (Recorder), Year 4/5 (JHorn, Cornet or PBone)</p> <p><b>Length of experience</b> - Pupils complete ‘Recorder Karate’ for one term in year 3. This introduces them to musical notation and basic classroom behaviour expectations of whole class learning including performance etiquette.</p> <p>‘Brass Karate’ commences in year 4 and pupils follow this scheme of work until the end of year 5. This enables pupils to make meaningful progress on one instrument whilst also learning music theory. They learn the same instrument for 2 years.</p> <p><b>Who leads it</b> - Whole class lessons are delivered by our Head of Primary Music, with additional support from members of our local community. (North of England Brass Band Association Regional Secretary Tony Griffiths &amp; former Royal Marines Band Musician Sara James - both players in the Jayess Newbiggin Brass Band.)</p> <p><b>How instruments are provided / managed</b> - in year 3 pupils are given a coloured recorder of their choice which they are able to purchase off the school if they wish. This gives pupils ownership and a sense of excitement about the project.</p> <p>In year 4, a coloured plastic brass instrument is allocated to each child. This will be their instrument until the end of Year 5 and they are encouraged to respect the instrument and look after it.</p> <p>Our Head of Primary Music manages our instrument stock. Pupils are able to take home their brass instrument if a small returnable deposit is paid. In order to ensure pupils from low income households are still able to practise at home, an agreement can be made with the parent / carer if they agree to help look after the instrument. Parents / carers can choose to request a deposit refund at any time or choose to donate this to our school fund. The money will support the purchase of additional music resources for the school.</p> <p>Where possible, we try to help families purchase their child their own, affordable instrument. This could be the one they</p>	<p>Digital resources are available for pupils to use to practise at home but we need to develop a better way to share these with our pupils</p>

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	<p>are learning on, a second hand instrument from our stores, or a new instrument from a music shop. We try to make this easy and affordable with the schools Rent to Buy Instrument Scheme which spreads the cost over 10 months with no interest to pay. If a deposit has already been paid, this will be taken off the total cost. This scheme enables us to replenish our whole class stock with new instruments.</p> <p><b>How it is budgeted and paid for</b> - Our instruments have almost exclusively been purchased over the years using funds from a variety of external sources. The Newbiggin by the Sea Partnership, Jayess Newbiggin Brass Band, James Knott Foundation, Universal Music UK Sound Foundation, the Endowment Fund etc.</p> <p>Funding for the whole class lessons (45 minutes per class) comes out of the school budget, whilst small group tuition (2 hours) is paid for by the NbtSP.</p> <p>During musical performances and events we always have a raffle, refreshments or other means of fundraising which enables us to purchase miscellaneous items as required. We request that pupils make a donation towards the cost of books, reeds, valve oil etc if they are having lessons in small groups however it is made clear that this should not be a barrier for pupils from low income households receiving lessons.</p> <p><b>Continuation options</b> - Mr Griffiths teaches lower brass and Ms James teaches upper brass to our year 6 pupils who choose to continue learning their instrument following whole class tuition with the aim of completing an inhouse grade 1 assessment, following the conventions of an ABRSM exam and moderated by the Director of Creative Arts from Dukes Secondary School to aid with transition. Mr Griffiths and Mrs Simm are instrumental tutors at the secondary school which has very much helped with pupils continuing with their instrumental lessons and helped build a strong Concert Band up at Dukes.</p> <p>If a pupil decides to continue with lessons in year 6 where possible we upgrade them from their plastic instrument to a metal instrument. Depending on the individual's embouchure, a change may be made between upper and lower brass.</p>	
<b>CoCurricular / Cultural Capital</b>	<p>- <b>EYFS - Early Years Music Workshops</b> Delivered by staff from The Glasshouse International Centre for Music</p>	<p>Further work with Brass Bands England to provide</p>

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<b>Music Experiences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Year 1 - still to plan</i></li> <li>- <b>Year 2 - Theatre Visit</b> Cinderella @ Blyth Phoenix Theatre</li> <li>- <b>Year 3 - Miners Picnic</b> Vocal and artistic workshops culminating in a whole Trust Miners Picnic celebration</li> <li>- <b>Year 3 - Country Dancing</b> Performing traditional dances with a live band</li> <li>- <b>Year 4 &amp; 5 - Brass Bands England</b> In school workshops &amp; parent performance</li> <li>- <b>Year 5 - Glasshouse International Centre for Music</b> Brass Band England Annual brass workshops &amp; concert vent</li> <li>- <b>Year 6 - Touring Production - 'Dragon'</b> Innovative puppetry theatre featuring a blend of digital animation and live puppetry.</li> <li>- <b>Year 6 - World Music Sessions</b> Using our specialist Gamelan Room at the Robert Stephenson building and Steel Pan set.</li> <li>- <b>Year 6 - Leavers Assembly Production</b> A hired in production company works with pupils to put on versions of shows such as 'Grease'</li> </ul>	<p>additional opportunities for brass students within whole class tuition.</p> <p>A 'cultural capital' event is required for year 1 pupils.</p>
<b>Extra Curricular Music</b>	<p>At Grace Darling, we have a wide range of Extra Curricular Music Groups available for our pupils to join both at lunch times and after school. These are ran by either school staff, or funded by the Newbiggin by the Sea Partnership.</p> <p>Mondays 3.30pm - 4.15pm - <b>School Choir Years 1-6</b> - with Miss Pikesley)</p> <p>Tuesdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm - <b>Steel by the Sea</b> (Steel pan group funded by NbTP)</p> <p>Wednesdays 12.15pm - <b>'The T-Lights'</b> - A popular band and where pupils learn to play the accompaniment for hymns and popular songs on piano, guitar, and bass guitar - with Mrs Glanville &amp; supported by NbtSP)</p> <p>Tuesdays (Autumn Term) 3.30pm - 4.30pm - <b>Disney Dance Club Years 2-3</b> with All Star Productions</p> <p>Fridays 12.15pm - <b>Concert Band</b> - with Mrs Simm, Mr Griffiths &amp; Ms James, supported by NbtSP)</p> <p>Fridays 9am - 12pm - <b>Endangered Instrument Programme</b> - Funded by the Newbiggin by the Sea Partnership, we identify pupils who may not be suited to brass instruments, or who have moved to the school part way through KS2 and offer tuition to them on instruments such as the bassoon and oboe. We also offer clarinet and flute tuition.</p>	<p>Improved parent engagement with commitment for after school clubs, as sometimes parents do not encourage their children to continue attending a club until the end of the period.</p> <p>Children's resilience to improve with regards to commitment - i.e not quitting a group just before a performance</p> <p>More performance opportunities for TLights. Due to the use of electronic instruments performances of this group are more complex</p>

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	<p><b>Outcomes (impact), including continuation rate</b>  The uptake for these clubs vary year on year, and there is normally a drop off after the first few weeks in September if pupils decide it's not something they would like to continue with. From this point the clubs generally have the same 'core' group of pupils attending and are encouraged to continue for the full term so that they can take part in an end of term performance.</p> <p>We offer <b>VIP Golden Tickets</b> to join extra curricular groups to those who show a particular talent and children recognise that these are very special invitations. All pupils who learn via our 'Endangered Instrument Programme' are required to attend Concert Band.</p> <p>Our extra curricular groups have performance opportunities each term and recordings are regularly posted on to <a href="http://www.soundcloud.com">www.soundcloud.com</a> so that parents / carers can listen at home.</p> <p><b>Autumn Term</b>  Choir - Care Home Carols &amp; Playground Performance</p> <p><b>Spring Term</b>  Choir / Steel Pans / T-Lights / Concert Band + KS2 Instrumentalists - Annual Music Showcase</p> <p><b>Summer Term</b>  Choir / Steel Pans / Concert Band - Proms in the Playgroup Performances</p>	<p>Increased number of pupils attending Concert Band</p>
<p><b>Singing</b></p>	<p>We are a Singing Ambassador school for Music Partnership North: Northumberland</p> <p>Children sing regularly with both our Singing Praises Leader, in assemblies and with their own teaching staff. Pupils should aim to sing their songs with good posture, tone and diction. Singing is encouraged in other lessons to help explore subject content in all areas of the curriculum.</p> <p>Our 'core' EYFS Songs &amp; Rhymes and Singing Praises repertoire allows effective progression through the year groups. This was implemented in September 2023 and will enable students to learn a wide variety repertoire from various time periods and styles, eventually leading to confident part and harmony singing in larger groups.</p>	<p>Many of our students project too much which impacts the quality of sound over all. We would like to see staff using language around projection and volume in order to ensure quieter, higher quality singing.</p>

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	<p>Classes have access to additional singing workshops and events with groups such as The Royal Opera House and The Hirst Park Revival Project. Those who take part in Choir also have the opportunity to sing in concerts alongside groups such as Rock Choir, Choir by the Sea and the Ashington Music Society.</p> <p>Pupils hear recordings of singers regularly as part of our set Listening pieces, and listen to staff model singing when in class / assemblies. As the majority of our staff are female, students do not often hear live male singers.</p> <p>Pupils in years 1-6 can access a regular school extra curricular choir, as well as an NCEAT Primary Choir for selected events throughout the year.</p> <p><b><u>Singing Performance Opportunities</u></b></p> <p><b>Autumn Term</b>  Harvest Festival  Christmas Church Services  Christmas Production  <i>Choir - Playground Performance / Care Home Carols</i></p> <p><b>Spring Term</b>  Easter Church Services  <i>Choir - Grace Darling Music Showcase</i>  <i>NCEA Trust Choir - Rock Choir Performance</i></p> <p><b>Summer Term</b>  Year 1 Specialist Project - Classroom Choir  <i>Choir - Proms in the Playground Performance</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">+ 3 x class worship assemblies per year</p> <p><b><u>Resources</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 'Core' EYFS progression songs and rhymes</li> <li>● 'Core' Singing Praises songs &amp; hymns</li> <li>● Out of the Ark – with 'Words on Screen' eSong books to support literacy</li> <li>● Selected youtube / NCEA 'Words of Screen' videos</li> <li>● Seasonal song lists with booklets to support literacy</li> </ul> <p>We also have a Trust Staff Choir which meets approximately once every half term, lead by our Head of Primary Music. This group perform at events such as the Staff Christmas Service.</p>	<p>Part singing in assemblies to be introduced where possible</p> <p>Year 6 pupils to remain engaged with singing throughout the year as pupils can become reluctant to sing towards the end of KS2</p> <p>Classroom staff should do more to encourage children to adopt the 'Superhero - Supersinger' pose to increase confidence, elevate self esteem and ensure good posture for singing</p> <p>We would like to introduce accompanying makaton videos for use in assemblies</p> <p>Singing Praise leaders working on whole school part singing</p>

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<p><b>Resources</b></p>	<p>KS1&amp;2 have an excellent <b>instrument resource bank</b> which staff are able to easily access if needed during music lessons, which includes 2 classroom sets of mixed percussion instruments, a whole class set of chime bars as well as a piano, several keyboards, guitars, bass guitars and additional percussion instruments including drum kits.</p> <p>All tuned instruments are colour coded using the colours of the rainbow, with C first being red. This supports the teaching of music to multiple instruments at once.</p> <p>These instruments are kept in the Music Room for staff to access when needed. During practical sessions, staff will often utilise this space as well as other break out rooms and free spaces to allow pupils to work in smaller groups. Children are encouraged to use their instrument from whole class / small group instrumental learning if appropriate to the task.</p> <p>We have recently created 'Active Music Listening' boxes, containing items such as scarves for use within music sessions.</p> <p>EYFS classrooms contain boxes of mixed percussion instruments as well as an outdoor music areas. This area contains instruments such as boomwhackers, dustbin lids and bells.</p>	<p>Staff access classroom percussion instruments and use correct beaters / vocabulary when using them</p> <p>To update our classroom percussion boxes, ensuring a wide variety of instruments and relevant beaters.</p> <p>Music Composition boxes created to support composition within the classroom</p> <p>Keyboards placed in all EYFS areas alongside simple notation</p>
<p><b>Technology</b></p>	<p>There are class sets of Chromebooks, PC's and iPads in our school which can be booked and used when needed.</p> <p>At Grace Darling Primary school, we use 'Purple Mash' for Computing, and it is through this <b>digital resource</b> pupils can complete several composition tasks as a cross curricular activity.</p> <p>We also use websites such as the Dallas Symphony Orchestra Listening Guide and Youtube when needed to play examples for pupils where this is not possible to demonstrate live.</p> <p>Staff upload recordings to the '<a href="#">Soundcloud</a>' website, allowing pupils to showcase their work to a wider audience and encourage parent engagement. An award is presented each half term within Achievement Assembly to the group with the most amount of 'listens' in that time period. Staff can view and</p>	<p>More consistent uploads of performances from curriculum music lessons as well as</p>



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	share online statistics with pupils re global location of listens, top plays, social shares. This opens conversations around online safety, geography etc.	instrumental lessons
<b>Opportunities to experience live music performance</b>	<p>Pupils have the opportunity to listen to live music many times throughout their time in primary school. This is both within school and whilst on educational visits.</p> <p>Our excellent links with local groups such as Choir by the Sea, The Jayess Newbiggin Brass Band and The Band of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers has enabled live music to play a prominent part at our school.</p> <p>In order to create small ensembles for performances we also draw on our strong links with musician parents, carers and our feeder secondary school. These performance opportunities are <b>all free for pupils</b>.</p> <p><b>Autumn Term</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Live Last Post performance in Remembrance Day Assembly</li> <li>- Christmas Lunch Band - Approx 10 musicians from the Community &amp; Dukes perform Christmas arrangements whilst pupils enjoy their Christmas dinner.</li> <li>- Choir Performance - during their last rehearsal of the term, choir sing Christmas songs outside across hometime for the school community.</li> </ul> <p><b>Spring Term</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community Band - Inspiring performance as part of the Music Showcase</li> </ul> <p><b>Summer Term</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Miners Picnic (Y3) - Dukes Wind Band to perform for Banner Parade, then Community Band to perform over lunch time</li> <li>- Proms in the Playground - Our extra curricular groups perform outside for the local community across hometime</li> </ul> <p>Pupils also hear staff playing instruments such as piano &amp; guitar in assemblies. Staff are encouraged to share their love of music with our pupils, especially if they are musicians themselves.</p> <p>We have recently developed a relationship with the new <b>Yamaha School of Music in Blyth</b>. They will be sending a team of tutors in for a whole school performance assembly at the start of this academic year 24/25 for free.</p> <p>Our use of school mini buses keeps transport costs to a minimum. Where possible we apply to grants to cover the</p>	<p>Concert Band / Brass groups to play outside at Christmas Time</p> <p>YSM offer Monday morning concerts. We would like to take our Y6 instrumental continuers to concerts planned</p>

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	costs of transport or use money generated from showcases etc to subsidise this. We rarely ask for parental contributions..	featuring brass instruments.
<b>Inclusion</b>	<p><b>Adaptation</b> - We recognise that there are children of widely different musical abilities in all classes, so we provide suitable learning opportunities for all children by matching the challenge of the task to the ability of the child.</p> <p><b>SEND</b> - We will strive to remove barriers to learning for pupils with SEND. Adopting a positive and proactive approach will ensure that children with SEND are able to express themselves and take an active part in lessons. Explicit instructions and scaffolding will enable all pupils to achieve and succeed in music.</p> <p><b>Assessment</b> - On-going Assessment for Learning (AfL) practices within class and group sessions, including the sharing of and reference being made to Key Words relevant to each stage of musical learning. Children who are showing a greater depth are also pushed further and given support by the Newbiggin Partnership.</p> <p>Assessments are used diagnostically by teachers to evaluate learning and inform teaching.</p> <p>Formative assessments are recorded on our foundation subject assessment trackers, whilst the 'belt' system is used for our Karate schemes of work.</p>	Additional resources for our EYFS SEND children

## 2024/2025 Focus Areas

Arrange to take Y6 instrumentalists to Yamaha Music School Brass concerts Monday Mornings	
To update our classroom percussion boxes, ensuring a wide variety of instruments and relevant beaters.	<b><i>Achieved September 2024</i></b> <i>Instruments sorted into 2 classroom musical instrument boxes, new ones purchased where needed. New wooden and soft rubber beaters purchased. All broken instruments are gone. Spare instruments given to EYFS classrooms. At least 3 of each instrument in the box. Also included information re types of beaters / instruments in each box.</i>
Additional resources for our EYFS SEND children	
Staff to use the newly created EYFS Music Planning Ideas document to share good practise and ideas	
Plan a 'cultural capital' event for year 1 pupils.	