

# Music development plan summary: Intack Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Samantha Duerden
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Craig Taylor
Name of local music hub	Greater Manchester and Blackburn with Darwen Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

At Intack Primary School, we have music lessons timetabled every half term for all year groups. Lessons are taught by class teachers, following the *Charanga* music scheme. This is aligned to the National Curriculum for Music. When using the scheme and its progressive lessons, we are guaranteeing to be meeting all the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum. All children participate in music lessons and the experiences are made accessible for pupils with SEND.

In addition to structured music lessons, children in our EYFS have regular opportunities to explore a variety of instruments through continuous provision and listening activities. They are encouraged to listen carefully to different sounds and begin to identify and name instruments. All Key Stage 1 pupils have access to glockenspiels each half term, allowing them to develop their musical understanding through hands-on experience.

New instrumental opportunities have been introduced this year: Year 3 pupils will begin learning the recorder, while Year 4 pupils will learn the ukulele, both taught by their class teachers. In Year 5, pupils participate in whole class violin lessons delivered by a specialist from the Greater Manchester and Blackburn with Darwen Music Hub, as part of the Wider Opportunities programme. These lessons incorporate both practical and theoretical elements.

## **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 Intack Primary School, we have a choir who come together once a week, for an hour. All KS2 children have the opportunity to join the choir. We learn songs to perform for Lets Go Sing, along with seasonal songs and the children have the freedom to select songs that they love and enjoy. Makaton is taught alongside some of the songs to enhance learning and communication. We have 3 workshops lead by talented musicians from the Lets Go Sing project, who come into school for an hour each session. We use singing in assemblies to help with sticky knowledge in other subjects such as harvest songs during the Autumn term.

Our year 4 and year 6 pupils have an amazing opportunity this year to step into the role of an ENO Composer and respond to, and resolve, purposefully unfinished operatic works. They will create their own bespoke response ending through the lens of opera. Their work will be published online and they will experience an in-person celebration event with a team of professional artists.

## **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.

Every year, our choir gets to take part in 'Lets Go Sing'. This project allows our pupils to learn songs and perform on stage alongside hundreds of other children in Blackburn. This year we will be performing on stage at Blackburn Cathedral. The choir also sing in school assemblies, performing to peers and teachers, showcasing what they have been learning.

Our EYFS children hold a Christmas stay and play session every December, including Christmas Nursery Rhymes being performed to the parents. All of our KS1 children take part in a nativity performance for KS2 children and for parents, which consists

mainly of singing. Each individual class will also perform a Christmas Carol of their choice at the end of the nativity show, allowing them all to get up on stage and sing in front of an audience. KS2 hold a Christmas Carol Service where each class will learn and perform a Christmas Carol on the stage for KS1 children and parents. Year 5 hold a violin performance for parents at the end of Spring term to showcase what they have learnt during their lessons. Year 6 will hold an end of year performance, showcasing their achievements and growth.

In addition to this, children participate in weekly singing assemblies, which feature live music led by a talented member of our teaching staff. This academic year, we are excited to begin with a live band performance for our Key Stage 2 pupils, setting a vibrant tone for the year ahead. To celebrate World Music Day, pupils will take part in our very own Intack Eurovision, where each class will perform a song in front of their peers and a panel of 'judges', showcasing their creativity and performance skills in a fun and inclusive event.

## In the future

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

Over the next few years, we will continue to grow and develop our choir, offering more opportunities for pupils to perform throughout the year. We will also provide a wider range of opportunities for children to experience live music, helping to insure and broaden their musical interests. Our music co-ordinator and teaching staff will continue to take part in CPD to build their confidence and deepen their subject knowledge, working closely with our local music hub. We aim to offer in-school private instrumental tuition, providing targeted support to help children learn to play an instrument and develop their musical skills.