



Music

Subject Leader Report 2024-2025



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Autumn Term

Music at Masefield Primary School is a vibrant and integral part of the curriculum, delivered in partnership with *Alfa Education*. This collaboration ensures high-quality teaching and learning while providing opportunities for pupils to learn to play a range of instruments.

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

In Nursery and Reception, children have been introduced to the joy of music through nursery rhymes and simple songs. The focus this term has been on developing their understanding of rhythm and rhyme. It has been delightful to witness the children's excitement as they learn new language and vocabulary, fostering both musical and linguistic development.

Key Stage 1 (KS1)

In Years 1 and 2, the focus has been on controlling pitch and pulse. Building on this foundation, pupils have progressed to singing with expression and clear diction, as well as performing with control in beat and rhythmic parts. During Autumn 2, the children began preparing songs for their Nativity performance, showcasing their growing confidence and ability to perform in front of an audience.

Key Stage 2 (KS2)

For pupils in Years 3 to 6, music lessons have centred on playing with pulse, exploring ostinato patterns, and improvisation. This work culminated in class performances prepared for the upcoming Christmas Concert. The enthusiasm for music has extended into weekly singing assemblies, where children have learned and performed a wide repertoire of songs, enriching the whole school community.

A particular highlight this term was the introduction of ukuleles for Year 4 pupils. Each child received their own instrument and began learning to play, a journey we eagerly anticipate following throughout the academic year.

Enrichment Activities

To broaden pupils' musical experiences, the school vocal band have performed Christmas carols at Tesco and participated in a joint choir performance at BWFC stadium. These events have been invaluable in building pupils' confidence and community spirit.

Additionally, small group tuition has been offered to pupils who have selected to pursue specific instrument lessons. The progress made by these students has been outstanding, further reflecting the strong musical ethos at Masefield.

Next Steps

Looking ahead, the focus will be on developing pupils' knowledge of reading music and providing further opportunities to experience and play a wider range of instruments. These steps aim to deepen musical understanding and foster a lifelong love of music.

Music at Masefield continues to be a source of joy and creativity, providing pupils with skills that extend beyond the classroom and into their wider lives.



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