



Music at Jeavons Wood

Intent

At Jeavons Wood School, our music curriculum aims to inspire and nurture a lifelong love of music in every student. We believe in the transformative power of music to enhance creativity, foster emotional expression, and build a sense of community. Our curriculum introduces children to a diverse range of music from around the world and across generations, fostering respect and appreciation for all musical traditions and communities. Through our curriculum, children will develop essential musical skills, including singing, playing both tuned and untuned instruments, improvising, composing, and actively listening and responding to music. They will also gain an understanding of the historical and cultural contexts of the music they encounter as well as learning how to notate music.

Implementation

At Jeavons Wood Primary School, we utilise Kapow Primary's Music scheme of work. The scheme takes a holistic approach to music, in which the individual strands are woven together to create engaging and enriching learning experiences, on average 30 minutes per week.

The strands are as follows:

- Performing
- Listening
- Composing
- The history of music
- The inter-related dimensions of music

Our music scheme of work covers all the National Curriculum attainment targets and shows progression of skills taught within each year group and how these develop year on year. In addition to this, the curriculum also builds in the BBC 10 Pieces to promote engagement and enjoyment of classical music. From Year 1, children participate in a 25-minute weekly Singing Assembly led by a music specialist, singing seasonal songs, hymns, and popular music, and learning to sing in rounds and harmony. Hand chimes are used when appropriate.

In EYFS, music is integrated into topic work and the Expressive Arts area, aligning with the Early Learning Goals. Children's music achievements are assessed according to the School's Assessment Policy. Co-curricular music opportunities include hand chime groups during break time for KS2, and a choir for upper KS2 before school once a week. Interested students can join Young Voices in Birmingham. Children in Years 2, 4, and 6 enhance their performance skills through end-of-term productions at Christmas, Easter, and Summer.

Impact

Through our engaging music curriculum, students will leave Jeavons Wood with a range of skills to enable them to succeed in their secondary education and to be able to enjoy and appreciate music throughout their lives. Children will:

- Be confident performers, composers and listeners and will be able to express themselves musically at and beyond school.
- Show an appreciation and respect for a wide range of musical styles from around the world and understand how music is influenced by the wider cultural, social and historical contexts in which it is developed
- Understand the various ways in which music can be written down to support performing and composing activities
- Demonstrate and articulate enthusiasm for music and be able to identify their own musical preferences.
- Meet the end of Key Stage expectations outlined in the National curriculum for Music.