



The Intent, Implementation and Impact of our Music Curriculum

School Mission Statement



St Michael's RC Primary School is a Catholic family of faith, following the teaching of Christ. We strive to create an environment where all members of our school community become caring, independent and resilient individuals who fulfil their potential.

"I came so that you may have life, life in all its fullness" John 10:10

Intent

At St Michael's we aim to create an atmosphere in which children are able to thrive musically by learning musical instruments and performing within and outside of the school. Our 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. Our curriculum is designed so that all children cover different elements of music, learn about different musicians, learn important vocabulary and develop a good understanding on how music has changed throughout history.

Implementation

The music curriculum ensures students sing, listen, play, perform and evaluate. This is embedded in the classroom activities as well as the weekly hymn practice, various performances and the learning of instruments. The teaching of music is based around the Charanga scheme of work. Children have the opportunity to enjoy musical experiences through listening, singing, movement and dance and by playing a variety of musical instruments. We also have a specialist music teacher who teaches Year 3 and 4 to play the recorder and Year 5 to play the djembe. In Nursery and Reception, we have built a music wall to develop their curiosity of music and this allows them to explore different sounds. From Nursery to Year 6, children are given the best opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in this area of the curriculum.

Impact

Children at St Michaels' will achieve age related expectations in music at the end of their cohort year. They will gain wider audience performance experience both in and outside of school. 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, creator or performer. They can dissect music and comprehend its parts. They are given opportunities to explore their musical interests and curiosities as well as consolidating their musical understanding.