

Music development plan summary: Manor Primary School



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026/2027
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Name of the school music lead	Mr C Smith
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Edsential https://edsential.com/teaching-and-learning/primarymusic/
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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. As musicians at Manor Primary School, our pupils will develop a love and understanding of music from different time periods, countries and genres.

Pupils at Manor Primary School begin their musical journey within our Foundation stage where we follow the statutory guidance as outlined in the Development Matters Framework 2023 for expressive arts and design. Music exploration is embedded across the dynamic continuous provision, allowing for child led opportunities to explore and play with music through singing nursery rhymes and playing tuned and untuned musical instruments.

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Music lessons begin with a 10-minute listening and responding activity using resources from a Minute of Listening. Pupils will listen to a 1 minute sample of music and then respond to questions about the sample of music, thus developing creative listening and oracy skills.

<https://www.minuteoflistening.org/>

Pupils in Foundation 2, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 receive a 30-minute music lesson, each week following the schools learning scheme of Kapow.

Kapow is a music curriculum for primary schools that enables children to develop musical skills and a love of music that meets the Music Programme of Study: Key Stages 1 and 2 National Curriculum, the Model Music Curriculum: Key Stages 1 to 3 and the 2022 National Plan for Music Education.

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https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6061f833d3bf7f5ce1060a90/Model_Music_Curriculum_Full.pdf

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/62bc1242d3bf7f292040d364/The_Power_of_Music_to_Change_Lives.pdf

Through Kapow, pupils receive a spiral curriculum that revisits and embeds the same skills and knowledge each time at a greater depth to secure previous learning. The curriculum provides pupils with learning content that covers the 5 strands of inter-related dimensions of music:

- Listening and evaluating
- Creating sound
- Notation
- Improvising and composing
- Performing, singing and playing

Pupils in years 3 and 4 will undertake 2 terms of a whole class instrumental scheme written for tuned percussion instruments. During these sessions pupils focus on music from a different part of the world, the key features of staff notation, and the correct technique for playing a tuned percussion instrument.

Music is an inclusive subject and every effort is made to ensure that all pupils receive and participate in all aspects of the lesson. The use of effective questioning is differentiated and mixed grouping is encouraged to support all levels of understanding. Resources provided are adapted (when required) to

suit the learning needs and abilities of all pupils to ensure good progress is made and an overall enjoyable experience.

More information about the content of our music lessons can be found on our Music Page: <https://www.manorprimaryschool.co.uk/music/>

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.

During the festive period, each Key Stage will begin rehearsals for the Christmas plays and perform in front of the school and to parents/carers.

At Manor, we expose the children to a variety of music experiences in extracurricular clubs. Clubs available for this year are to be confirmed.

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.

The whole school have welcomed visits from musicians into school such as the Mosh Tots Band. All pupils thoroughly enjoy the 'gig for kids' and dance away to music of Bob Marley, Pharrell Williams, Disney favourites and Abba.

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 have wonderful opportunities to attend the Liverpool Philharmonic Key Stage 2 and 3 Schools Concerts.

In the future

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

- The music curriculum at Manor Primary School will continue to be developed and cross curricular links will continue to be made in line with the schools ongoing developing curriculum.
- Pupils will have the opportunity to enjoy live performances at least once a year.
- The school will assemble a choir and allow opportunities for all children who wish to participate, the chance to perform for the wider community.
- Children to have the opportunity to learn and play a musical instrument.