

Music development plan summary: North Petherton Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	24-25
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Name of the school music lead	Emily Taylor
Name of local music hub	Somerset Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Somerset Music Rocksteady

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.

To read more about the provision at North Petherton Primary School, please visit our music curriculum page <https://www.northpethertonprimary.co.uk/music>

Music is taught in class every week and is informed by the guidance set out in the national curriculum. Lessons are a minimum of 30 minutes and are taught by class teachers or a music specialist. Teaching is supported by specialist planning and the Sing up curriculum scheme of work. This musical learning is further supplemented by weekly singing assemblies in each key stage.

Children in Year 4, learn an instrument as a whole-class ensemble taught by music specialists from Somerset Music. Each block lasts for a term and a half and culminates in a concert where children perform songs and pieces together.

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 North Petherton Primary School, we currently offer individual and small-group lessons on Guitar, Violin, Piano and Flute through Somerset Music Service. Teachers visit the school and teach children in our designated music room.

We also offer musical classes through Rocksteady. We have a tutor who visits once a week on a Monday and works with small groups creating bands. Once the bands have been created, they have time to practise and will then work towards a performance.

We also have a thriving Choirs, split into, Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6. Both ensembles meet weekly and are provided by staff who have relevant experience and a passion for music.

Individual and small group sessions are funded by parents however, for those children who are Pupil Premium, these lessons can be funded by the Pupil Premium provision.

We work closely with Somerset Music to ensure we can offer the best possible music opportunities for our children. If you have an enquiry regarding instrumental lessons on offer, please visit our school page on their website -

<https://somersetmusic.co.uk/schools-zone/>

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.

Children will have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music this academic year. Please see below for a list of those opportunities.

- The choir performing at The Mcmillan Theatre
- The choir performing at the Christmas Carol Service

- Performing at the Rocksteady end of term gig.
- Choir, ensembles and soloists performing at our annual Musical Showcase.
- KS1 and KS2 performing at our termly showcases.
- The choir performing at Wellington Come and Sing.

In the future

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

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- Introduction of a wider range of instruments on offer for small group or individual lessons.
- Introduction of a music scheme that ensures consistency and progression from EYFS through to Year 6.
- Further develop performance opportunities for musicians throughout the school year.
- To create a dedicated music teaching space for use by ensembles, choir club and other music professionals.