

Music development plan summary: Ringway Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
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Name of local music hub	Music Partnership Northumberland

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 in more detail about the music provision at Ringway Primary School, please visit our music curriculum page:

<http://www.ringwayprimaryschool.co.uk/web/music/471440>

Music is taught in class every week. Lessons are a minimum of one hour and are taught by class teachers or a music specialist. The model music curriculum influenced our curriculum approach to teaching music and teaching is supported by specialist planning and the Kapow music scheme of work. This musical learning is further supplemented by weekly singing assemblies in each Key Stage, lasting 20 minutes.

Children in Years 3 and 4 learn an instrument as a whole-class ensemble taught by music specialists from Music Partnership Northumberland. Each project lasts 20 weeks 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 Ringway Primary School, we currently offer individual and small-group lessons on guitar and keyboard through music partnership north.

We also have a brass mini band consisting of KS2 children this is taught and led by Music Partnership Northumberland.

We have performances twice a year in which children from all age ranges take part.

We have a KS2 choir who meet weekly – this is free for all children to join. The choir performs at school in events, at our local secondary school in concerts and at local care homes.

Individual and small group peripatetic music lessons are funded by parents. All other tuition is free and accessible to all children.

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.

At Ringway Primary School we provide many opportunities to enable children to take part in many musical experiences. These include the opportunity to:

- Perform in assemblies.
- Perform in musical plays at school.
- Watch a musical performance.
- Visit a musical show in London.
- Take part in our school choir events.
- Take part in our winter and summer musical concerts.

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:

- Timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for Key Stages 1-2 – this to continue.
- Access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice - this to continue.
- A school choir to continue.
- A school ensemble, band or group - this will be developed.
- Space for rehearsal and individual practice – this has been planned for as part of our new school build.
- Opportunities to enjoy live performances at least once per year.
- Introduction of a wider range of instruments on offer for small group or individual lessons.
- Introduction of further whole school ensemble projects delivered by a music specialist.
- Further develop performance opportunities for our young musicians throughout the school year.
- Further develop engagement in extra-curricular music for Pupil Premium and SEND children.
- Develop a dedicated music teaching space for use by ensembles and class curriculum lessons - this has been planned for as part of our new school build.