



Music Policy

*Loving Learning,
Striving for Success,
Achieving Everyday*

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All children at Colegrave Primary School are entitled to a high-quality music education. This engages and inspires pupils to develop a love of music and boost their talent as musicians. We offer the children many different opportunities within their music education to increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement. We believe this is important at Colegrave because research shows that a good music education can support the children to excel in all areas of the curriculum. As a school we are working hard to develop the children's love for music.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To deliver music as a cross-curricular subject, through the National Curriculum.
- To expose the children to music from around the world.
- To develop the children's performance skills.
- To teach the children to sing and to use their voices.
- To provide the children the opportunity to learn a musical instrument.
- To teach the children to understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated.
- To support the teachers in delivering high standard music lessons.
- To share musical experiences with parents and carers.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

At Colegrave the teachers are trained in delivering engaging and energetic music lessons. We ensure the children listen to and learn music which is meaningful to their learning and their journey through childhood. The children listen to music weekly during assemblies and their EPIC sessions which link to different themes, including British Values. This enables us to develop the children's spiritual, cultural and social development as well as their expressive skills when learning about how music can represent feelings and emotions. Through listening to music regularly the children appreciate the arrangement of music.

We also have a singing celebration which happens once every half term, in which the children practise a song in class and then share their singing with the rest of their key stage. The focus is to develop the children's singing voices and musical timing.

ADDITIONAL MUSIC TEACHING

An initiative funded by our local council 'Intro TextEvery Child a Musician' provides the children with free musical instruments and free tuition to children in Years three, four and five. Instruments being taught around the school are: violin, clarinet, guitar, flutophone and the ukulele.

The children in year five get to keep their musical instrument so that they can continue to develop their talent beyond primary school years.

We also have an after school club choir who meet every week, running for children in Year Two up to Year Six. The choir learn new songs and perform to the other children and the local community. As well as a ukulele after school who meet once a week to practise playing the ukulele.

CROSS- CURRICULAR LINKS

Music contributes significantly to the teaching of English in our school by actively promoting the skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening. Children develop their language skills through singing songs, with attention to diction, meaning, rhythm and rhyme. Music is also used to stimulate discussion or creative writing.

Music contributes to the teaching of mathematics in that children who study the structure of music are observing patterns and processes. Time and space can be linked to tempo and duration.

During planning of our topic lessons we consider where we can best fit music that links to our topic theme to give the music lessons a purpose.

INCLUSION

At Colegrave we celebrate the diversity of our children and staff. We understand the needs of each individual child and ensure all children are accessing music in a creative way. We create personalised resources to meet learner's needs.