

MUSIC at DULWICH WOOD

Curriculum

The children at Dulwich Wood thoroughly enjoy and appreciate every opportunity that they have to develop their musicianship. Music is central to our celebrations at Dulwich Wood and is widely used across the school. We follow the Charanga scheme of work, which offers a unique and extensive range of lessons covering a range of genres. Music is taught in an integrated, practical, exploratory and child-led approach to learning.

In order to develop musicianship across the school our music programme covers an extensive range of skills and knowledge, such as in singing, children are taught about warm ups; breathing; posture; dynamics; phrasing; context and vocal health. They have the opportunity to listen to a wide range of music such as western classical music; popular music – Pop, Jazz and Rock 'n' roll; traditional music from a variety of countries such as: Brazil (Samba), Trinidad (Calypso) and Punjab/UK (Bhangra). They are able to experience composing -the creative process with its wide horizons of possibility. This gives pupils an opportunity to contribute to musical culture in unique and valuable ways. As pupils travel through the Key Stages, they will develop the craft of creating melodies and fashioning these into short pieces. The children at Dulwich Wood are given plenty of opportunities to perform whether it is for Harvest assemblies, Christmas performances or in the whole school carnival; they always enjoy it! These opportunities allow them to develop stage craft – a sense of confidence/ownership and consider the programme. They are encouraged to support each other with peer feedback and to seek out opportunities for collaboration.



Collaboration

In addition, the following specialist music lessons are included within our music curriculum:

- Year 2 – Recorders
- Year 3 – Ukuleles
- Year 4 – African drumming
- Year 5 – African drumming
- Year 6 – Samba

We also have an afterschool steel pans club, a lunchtime choir club and violin lessons – both taught through community links from neighbouring schools.

Intent

We want children at Dulwich Wood to have the opportunity to:

- Listen and appraise a variety of music genres
- From year 2, participate in a whole-class instrumental programme
- Have the opportunity to play rhythmic and melodic instruments
- Have a minimum of one weekly lesson of music
- Showcase their learning in a fun and creative way
- Understand the importance of music and the role it has in everyone's lives
- Have the opportunity to memorise, improvise, compose and perform music
- Be exposed to technical vocabulary used in music such as: pulse, dynamics, tempo, pitch etc

Implementation

At Dulwich Wood we have continued to develop our music provision by:

- Providing CPD opportunities for all teaching staff – including the introduction of Charanga whose curriculum is based around the new model music curriculum
- Ensuring that all teachers with their own account for Charanga, where they will be able to select and create music modules based on the new model music curriculum. Ensuring that there is clear progression across all year groups from Reception to year 6.
- Encouraging community participation by having performances of the music learnt throughout each module.
- Implementing the use of podcasting and recording equipment within the school to create new ways of recording children's learning.
- Having a dedicated subject lead will provide support to staff for planning and delivery of music lessons.

Impact

Our aim is to ensure that teachers will feel confident when teaching music; leading to accelerated progress within each year group. We would like to encourage high parental engagement so that the children are supported by home learning as well as in school.

Our ultimate goal is for our children to develop a love and a passion for music as well as be prepared to go to secondary school with the key knowledge needed to access the KS3 music curriculum with confidence.

