

## Curriculum Intent: Music

We are passionate about the benefits of participating in musical activities. Communal singing and music making builds community, gives a sense of shared achievement and has a positive effect on mental health. Learning an instrument develops concentration and perseverance and teaches the value of practice. Some studies suggest learning an instrument is linked with improved attainment in maths and reading. We aim for all children to develop an understanding and acceptance of the validity and importance of all types of music, and to respect the role that music may play in any person's life.

We follow the National Curriculum ensuring that all pupils get the chance to:

- Perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across historical periods, styles and traditions.
- Have opportunities to learn to sing, create, compose and perform music.
- Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated.

Starting in the early years with song, rhyme and rhythm, we support children to develop a good understanding of what music is through listening, singing, playing, evaluating, analysing, and composing across a wide variety of historical periods, styles, traditions, and musical genres.

All children will have opportunities at different times to learn an instrument and to sing. We want all children to have the opportunity to perform in front of their peers. We encourage families to attend concerts and performances which allow children to showcase their musical achievements. We aim to reflect and build on the diversity of musical heritages of our school community.

### United Nations Convention on the Rights of the child

**Article 29** Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.

