

# Music development plan summary: Snainton Church of England Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Matthew Davies
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	North Yorkshire Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

At Snainton Church of England Primary School, we use the Kapow Primary Music Scheme across the school.

As part of our music curriculum pupils from Reception to Year 6 have a minimum of 6 hours of timetabled music lessons per half term. All children are involved in the lessons and adaptations are made if required. The curriculum offer covers all the national curriculum non-statutory guidance for teaching music to Key Stage 1 and 2.

The intention is first and foremost to help children feel that they are musical, and to develop a life-long love of music. Each class teacher uses the scheme and adapts it to ensure every child can access and enjoy music within our school.

We explore music through the inter-related dimensions of music: performing, listening, composing and history of music. Developing skills, knowledge and understanding that

children need, in order to become confident musicians are key foci of our curriculum. Children will develop the musical skills of singing, playing tuned and un-tuned instruments, improvising and composing music and listening and responding to music.

Kapow's Primary Music Scheme, which has been designed as a spiral curriculum, with the following principles in mind:

**Cyclical:** Pupils return to the same skills and knowledge again and again, during their time in primary school.

**Increasing depth:** Each time a skill or area of knowledge is revisited, it is covered again in greater depth.

**Prior Knowledge:** Upon returning to a skill, prior knowledge is utilised so pupils can build upon previous foundations, rather than starting again.

Our curriculum introduces children to music from around the world and spans different time frames, helping to develop and understanding of the historical and cultural context of the music they are listening to and teaching them to respect and appreciate music of all cultures, traditions and communities.

As a church school, children also have opportunities to explore hymns and religious music through collective worship and our wider links with the church.

During the year there are opportunities to learn an instrument through the North Yorkshire Music Centre, ensemble singing and percussion activities through the curriculum and whole school singing opportunities weekly.

Through the Kapow scheme and our enriched music curriculum, pupils are taught:

Musical notation and how to compose music.

Composing or performing using body percussion and vocal sounds, which helps develop understanding of musical elements without the added complexity and increased cognitive overload of a musical instrument.

How to analyse and describe musical pieces, which increase in length as the children progress through the school, as their attention span increases, learning how music can represent feelings and emotions.

The skills of pulse and pitch.

How to collaborate with others to make sounds.

Through the music curriculum, children are also taught transferrable skills such as collaboration and teamwork, leadership, creative thinking, problem solving, decision making, as well as presentation and performance skills. Thus helping preparing our children for life after Snainton Church of England Primary School.

## **Part B: Extra-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.

Snainton Church of England Primary School work in partnership with local choir leaders and the North Yorkshire Music Hub to offer opportunities for tuition for instruments and voice if there is uptake.

Pupils can have music lessons through the North Yorkshire Music Hub where there is an opportunity to lease the instruments for the lessons at an affordable rate of £20 a term. Other charges do apply. There is an opportunity for subsidised group lessons for those children in receipt of pupil premium funding.

## **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.

Pupils at Snainton Church of England Primary School regularly have opportunities to sing in assemblies as well as a termly at the local church. The whole school are involved in a biyearly Christmas Performance. Throughout the year, where there are links to the curriculum opportunities to concerts and performances outside of the school are arranged.

## **In the future**

The school will build links with local musicians and the North Yorkshire Music Service to extend the offer of learning new musical instruments, further the development of the skills in singing, composing and performing as per the model music curriculum. This will include widening the musical understanding across a range of genres.

## Further information

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

North Yorkshire Music Service <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-music-service>