

OLA Curriculum Intent:

Music

Our **Music curriculum** is designed to inspire creativity, self-expression, and a lifelong love of music. We aim to provide every child with opportunities to **perform, compose, and listen to music**, developing their confidence, collaboration, and appreciation of different musical styles.

Our curriculum ensures that pupils:

- ✓ **Develop musical skills** – Learning to sing, play instruments, listen actively, and compose music.
- ✓ **Experience a range of musical genres** – Exploring classical, jazz, folk, pop, and music from different cultures.
- ✓ **Learn to read and notate music** – Understanding basic rhythms, pitch, and notation.
- ✓ **Understand the elements of music** – Including dynamics, tempo, timbre, and texture.
- ✓ **Perform with confidence** – Developing self-expression through singing, ensemble playing, and live performances.
- ✓ **Explore the role of music in history and culture** – Appreciating the impact of music across time and places.

Each topic has been carefully chosen and planned to ensure that both our curriculum intent and principles can be achieved. Opportunities to apply English and Maths learning are embedded throughout each topic to provide pupils with the opportunity to apply this knowledge within meaningful contexts.





By connecting our learning in Music to our Big Idea curriculum, pupils also develop a deep understanding of these abstract concepts while enriching their knowledge of the Music curriculum. This approach supports the development of critical thinking, curiosity, and cross-disciplinary connections, equipping pupils with the skills and understanding they need to navigate the world around them and become the best version of themselves.

Community

How can music bring people together?

Human Rights

What kinds of music help us think about treating others with respect and spreading kindness?

Stewardship

How can we use music to share care for our planet and inspire others to protect it?

Resilience

What kind of music helps us to feel strong and keep going when things are hard?

Equality

How can music help us to celebrate our differences?

Health

What sounds or rhythms help us to feel happy, calm or full of energy?

Wonder

What kinds of music make us think about the beauty and mystery of the world?

Technology

How can we use instruments, apps or other tools to make and share music in new ways?

