Music development plan summary:
Summerlea CP School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-27
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Name of the school music lead	Susan Welton
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	West Sussex Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	This Charming House Rocksteady

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.

The music curriculum at Summerlea ensures students sing, listen, play, perform and evaluate. This is embedded in classroom activities using the Kapow music scheme for one lesson each week. The elements of music are taught through this scheme so that children are able to use some of the language of music to dissect it, and understand how it is made, played, appreciated and analysed. Pupils also learn how to read basic music notation and create their own ways of recording their own and others' music. Children are taught to play tuned and untuned percussion instruments throughout their time at Summerlea.

Children with SEND are individually supported in class depending on their various requirements, for example: use of ear defenders when music lessons are louder than average, teacher's ability to adapt their lessons and use planning to challenge all pupils depending on their ability.

Pupils also participate in weekly singing assemblies throughout KS1 and 2. A mixture of traditional hymns and modern songs are taught and sang collectively during this time.

Our liaison with West Sussex Music Hub allows the school to access Whole Class Ensemble Tuition, giving each child in Year 4 a chance to learn a musical instrument for a term.

Part B: Co-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.

Children in years 4 learn an instrument as a whole-class ensemble taught by music specialists from West Sussex Music Service as part of the 1term2learn programme. Each project lasts 10 weeks and culminates in a concert where children perform pieces together.

Our choir, Summerlea Singers was formed a couple of years ago and is growing in numbers. We rehearse on a Thursday after school, preparing a range of songs for concerts throughout the year.

We offer piano, guitar, ukulele, drum and singing peripatetic lessons on a one to one basis during school time via our collaboration with This Charming House. Rocksteady also provide weekly sessions with opportunities for children to rehearse and perform as a band consisting of vocals, keyboards, electric guitar and drums. More information about these is available from the school office.

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.

All children at Summerlea will have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music this academic year. Please see below for a list of those opportunities:

- Summerlea Singers performing at our school's Candlelit Carols
- All children performing a Christmas song/carol with their key stage in a Christmas assembly
- Summerlea Singers performing at our Locality Celebration of Song
- EYFS and Year 2 performing a Christmas nativity
- Year 6 performing an end-of-year musical

- Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 incorporating music into an assembly performance for parents at various times through the year
- All children performing a song with their class for Summerlea Voice in the Summer Term.
- Visits from musicians to play to the children during Assembly times.

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

Continue to Liaise with Local Music Hub – sign up for more of the musical opportunities available

Continue with CPD to keep up to date with the latest ideas.

Explore opportunities for singers and musicians to support community events

Encourage and develop links with local secondary schools

Further information (optional)

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.

Our local music hub is the West Sussex Music Hub and more information can be found at westsussexmusic.co.uk