

Music development plan summary: Waddington Redwood Primary Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 to 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs E Nicholls
Name of local music hub	Lincolnshire Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rock Steady Music School

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 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 what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

At Waddington Redwood Primary Academy music develops our pupils' imagination and creativity. We provide opportunities for them to learn through music as well as about it. They develop their understanding of the musical elements and learn how it is structured by listening to music from different cultures and eras. They learn to use the subject specific technical vocabulary linked to these elements, also known as the interrelated dimensions of music. As children's confidence builds, they enjoy and develop their understanding of the performance and compositional aspects of music.

Following the publication in 2022 of the government report 'The Power of Music to Change Lives' which set out the vision for musical education and how this can be achieved, staff at Waddington Redwood have been working to ensure that:

- Music is accessible to all children.
- All children are provided with a variety of musical opportunities and experiences both as a participant or as an observer/listener.

We follow the Get Set for Music curriculum which clearly maps out the progress and skills across the key stages. Additional aspects have been planned such as whole class instrumental music tuition, school performances and special musical events.

Across the school, all children have the opportunity to experience and develop their musical skills using a variety of tuned and untuned instruments, explore different genres and develop their listening and appraising skills in a range of contexts.

Teachers at Waddington Redwood are confident at adapting these lesson plans to meet the needs of all children and to ensure that music is enjoyed by all. In addition to this, SEND adaptations are in place and these are reviewed on an individual basis as required. Most children are taught by their class teachers with the exception of Year 3 and 4 who receive whole class instrumental music tuition from the Lincolnshire Music Service (LMS).

In addition to their timetabled weekly lessons, all children attend a weekly singing assembly lasting approximately 20 minutes. Here the children develop their singing skills in a healthy and fun way, incorporating a range of styles and genres of song.

At Waddington Redwood, we work in partnership with staff from LMS who provide us with the opportunity to further develop our music curriculum. All CPD opportunities are embraced, and training disseminated to all staff. Support is in place for any staff as required to ensure they feel confident with the delivery of music.

We have a dedicated Music Subject Lead who works with other staff members both in school and across the trust. Opportunities are explored within the local area cluster groups for both musical development and performances. A 'Priory Proms' event has been planned for February 2025 with the aim to develop this in future years.

Part B: Co-curricular music

There are opportunities for pupils to sing and play music outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands which supports pupils to make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

At Waddington Redwood we work with Rock Steady Music School who deliver peripatetic music lessons. This is a paid for service, funded by parents who wish for their children to learn an instrument. Rock Steady Music School offers the children the opportunity to learn to play guitar, bass guitar, keyboard, drums and vocals as part of a band.

Our choir rehearses weekly and is run in house by a small, dedicated team. Our choir rehearses weekly as a free afterschool club and is run in house by a small, dedicated team. Choir is currently open to our Lower Key Stage Two pupils and we are planning to expand this to the whole of Key Stage Two this coming year.

Termly opportunities for singing and performance, often linked to festivals, for example the harvest festival. Alongside this our EYFS and Key Stage One Pupils sing and perform as a part of the Nativity, Lower Key Stage Two then take to the stage to sing and act in our Easter Pantomime and finally Upper Key Stage Two take the opportunity to sing and perform for us in their End of Year Production.

In addition, singing is regularly used across the curriculum to support both new learning and retrieval practices.

Part C: Musical experiences

This is all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

As stated, at Waddington Redwood we have a dedicated Music Subject Lead who works closely with other members of staff to advocate for music and musical activities at school. Senior leaders work in collaboration with the music lead and drive the development of music in school, emphasising the importance of the subject.

As part of our regular 'Composer of the Month', children listen to a wide range of musical genres and artists. Children learn about the music created, along with facts about famous composers. This provides us with a valuable opportunity to increase the children's cultural capital.

Children in all phases have the opportunity to perform annually. EYFS and Key Stage 1 children produce a Nativity performance, Year 3 and 4 perform a Pantomime which showcases their singing and acting skills and Year 5 and 6 end the year with a show. All of these productions are performed to parents, and also to the whole school as a dress rehearsal, providing those children from different phases the opportunity to be an audience to a live production.

Year 5 and 6 also participate in the Young Voices Concerts at Sheffield Arena, where they perform alongside children from schools across the country and current professional singers and dancers, including some household named singers as well.

Those children who have lessons with The Rock Steady Music School also take several opportunities to perform to parents and pupils at Christmas, Easter as well as an End of Year performance too. As a part of this, their teachers share key learning achievements made by pupils so these can be celebrated by all.

In the future

This is what the school is planning for subsequent years.

- Continued exploration and development of assessment in musical learning posing the questions 'What does evidence of musical learning at Waddington Redwood look like and how is it captured?'
- Explore the opportunity and interest in providing additional musical tuition in school for pupils by investigating possible piano tuition.
- Continue to develop relationships with other Music Subject leads within the Priory Federation of Academies Trust and organise shared events/experiences.
- Lincolnshire Music Services training opportunities to be identified for Subject Leader and staff and for key messages to be disseminated to relevant staff.
- Explore offers and events from Lincolnshire Music Service for whole school/small group workshops and activities.
- Continue developing the use of technical vocabulary across all key stages.
- Explore providing more opportunities for children to watch professional performances.