

HIGHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Curriculum Statement - Music

(Updated September 2020)

Intent

The National Curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Perform, listen to, review and evaluate music
- Be taught to sing, create and compose music
- Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated.

At Highwood Primary School we are committed to ensuring children understand the value and importance of music in the wider community, and are able to use their musical skills, knowledge, and experiences to involve themselves in music, in a variety of different contexts.

Children are learning to appreciate music through listening and also by creating their own music by selecting elements and styles that have an emotive affect on the listener.

Their musical education enables them to become emotionally literate and expressive as individuals. There is also an emphasis on the team building qualities that music brings. With whole class ensemble teaching, children learn to play music together, taking account of each others place within a song and learning rapidly at a young age to celebrate each others successes and support one another thoroughly.

Implementation

Our external music teacher provides high-quality instrumental ensemble teaching and notation learning, to all pupils from year 1 to year 6, on a weekly basis. This has been in place since September 2019.

Impact

Our pupils are really enjoying music lessons and by being given this opportunity, this provision has quickly identified those with musical talent and spurred many on to continue with learning an instrument outside of school.