



Backworth Park Primary School Intent and Implementation Statement

Music

INTENT

Music is an integral part of the curriculum at Backworth Park Primary School, and above all, it is our intent that we make music an enjoyable learning experience in both our curriculum and our extra-curricular activities. We encourage all our children to participate in a variety of musical experiences through which we aim to build up their musical appreciation and exposure to the wonderful world of music.

We recognise that singing is a great starting point for musical learning and the development of many skills, while being a hugely enjoyable activity for our pupils and teachers. We intend to create a strong and positive bond within our school and join the community together- marking significant moments by singing and playing together, and listening to music during assemblies, performances, musical visits and special events in the calendar.

Our teaching will develop pupils' self-confidence, musical skills, knowledge, and understanding to develop a lifelong love of music, whilst also providing a secure foundation that enables them to take music further should they wish to. All Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils will get the opportunity to learn an instrument taught by a specialist music teacher.

IMPLEMENTATION

Music is carefully planned for progression and continuity. We use Sing Up Music, which sets out the skills, knowledge, and understanding to be gained by all pupils at each stage of learning, including the Early Years Foundation Stage. Units of Work plan for all areas of the curriculum, which are returned to and developed in a spiral pattern of learning. It provides many examples of music styles, genres and traditions from different times and an exciting array of cultures. We plan for cross curricular learning opportunities where possible and we strive to develop community links by providing our children with the opportunity to perform and work with music specialists.

All children are actively encouraged and given the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument, from tuned and un-tuned classroom instruments to whole class instrumental tuition and individual instrumental lessons with visiting peripatetic staff. All children will experience being part of an ensemble; working, composing and performing together. The use of technology and the understanding of appropriate notation will be an integral part of this learning.

Our commitment to ensure all of our children reach their potential in music is supported through enhancement activities such as trips, extra-curricular clubs and working with agencies such as Rocksteady and Little Beethoven's Music School.