

Why we teach Music at Coton Green Primary School

'Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything'
– Plato

Intent:

Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. A high-quality music education should engage and inspire children to develop a love of music and showcase their talent as musicians, and so increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement.

At Coton Green Primary School, we believe that music plays a vital role in the development and well-being of every child. Music is a vehicle for personal expression which enriches the lives of people. We aim to build up the confidence of all children through their participation in a wide variety of musical experiences which permeate across the curriculum. Children at our school develop their skills as musicians and have the resolution to perform with a sense of achievement. We aim to inspire creativity and a life-long love of music.

Implementation:

The skill areas involved in the music curriculum follow the areas of skills set out in the Music National Curriculum which engage and inspire pupils to develop a love of music and their talents as musicians. The skill areas that children develop across all studies of music are:

1. Performing using voice and instruments
2. Composing and improvising
3. Aural awareness
4. Reflecting and Evaluating

These skills will be continually developed through opportunities within lessons to sing, compose, listen and perform. Children will have the opportunity to use a variety of instruments and be exposed to a variety of musical genres. We also provide the children in Years 3 and 5 with a year of music lessons taught by a specialist from Entrust who teaches them how to play an instrument through reading music. Alongside this, all children in Key Stage 2 have the opportunity to widen their skills further by learning a woodwind/ string instrument with a specialist music teacher as part of small group instrumental teaching.

Impact:

Children are able to enjoy music, in many ways - either as a listener, a creator or a performer. They can analyse and dissect music, using precise vocabulary, and comprehend its parts. Children can sing and feel a pulse. Concerts and performances held at school, and the school's involvement in local musical events, ensures that children are confident performers. These concerts also provide further means to showcase the impact of the school's high-quality music provision.

The Music curriculum at Coton Green also enables children to develop an understanding of culture and history.

Those children with a particular interest or aptitude in music are given the opportunity to extend their education in a variety of ways, for example, orchestral groups, singing club and instrumental performances in assembly. We strive to ensure that our Music curriculum inspires children to foster a love and increasing enthusiasm for Music, and a potential for life-long musical study.

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