

Music Development Plan summary: Elson Infant School



2023-24 Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2023-24
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Name of the school music lead	Kelly Briggs
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Sarah Duffy
Name of local music hub	Hampshire County Council
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Hampshire County Council

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.

- As a school we follow the Charanga Music Curriculum which is informed by the model music curriculum March 2021. This enables us to teach musical skills and knowledge in a fun and engaging way. We also invest in high quality music provision from Hampshire Music Service to enhance our curriculum. Mrs Reynolds teaches our year 2 music curriculum as a specialist music teacher advisor. A link to the full Charanga curriculum can be found on our website.
- Children are taught music for an hour per week but also attend a half hour singing assembly and have the opportunity to take part in our Elson Glee Singing club.

- As part of the curriculum, year 2 have the opportunity to learn musical instruments and across the year have the opportunity to learn the Ukelele, recorder and bamboo tamboo.
- Our school holds the Music Mark award for active participation
- As part of world music day, we aim to ensure that our children have access to real life musicians and this year we were lucky enough to invite two professional singers to come and join us for the day
- Each morning our children are welcomed into the school by Morning Music. This supports our children being introduced to a wide variety of musical genres and also supports the children's wellbeing and daily mood and supports them in feeling positive for the day ahead.

Part B: Choirs and ensembles and music tuition

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.

At Elson Infant School children can take part in our Elson choir ensemble. This run by our music lead and there is no cost for this tuition. This open to all children across all year groups.

Children have access to rock steady tuition outside of lesson time where they can learn a range of instruments or sing. This is charged at a cost of xx per term but places are given free of charge to our pupil premium children.

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.

At Elson Infant School all children take part in at least one musical performance per year in the form of a Christmas Nativity performance. Year 2 also put on a second performance as their end of year production at the end of their time at the school.

Those children who have taken part in rock steady tuition provide a termly concert for parents showcasing what they have learnt.

Year 2 children showcase their instrument learning each term for parents.

At the end of this academic year, Elson Infant school will take part in Gosport Big sing.

In the future

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

- How can the instrument teaching be developed across year 1.
- Further developing the music curriculum so staff feel skilled enough to not be using the charanga scheme and work with the specialist music teacher to develop the Hampshire music curriculum across the school

Further information

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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.