

## How we teach Music at Kenningtons Primary Academy

**“Music can change the world because it can change people”- Bono (U2)**

### **What do Musicians do?**

- Use their voices expressively and creatively
- Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality music from different traditions, composers, and other musicians
- Read and write musical notation
- Compose music for a range of purposes
- Play and perform tuned and untuned instruments in range of contexts

### **Intent**

At Kenningtons we are flourishing musicians. We learn music through four main areas: singing, listening, composing and performing, as outlined in the National Curriculum. In the EYFS, we use the statutory framework area of learning ‘expressive art and design.’

#### *Knowledge:*

We learn about composers of the past and present through a range of genres. Each year we are taught musical notation and specific vocabulary which helps our understanding of the music we are exploring.

#### *Skills:*

In addition to our musical knowledge, our teacher focuses on key skills such as appraisal, composing and performing. Each year group is taught to play an instrument through whole class teaching, from glockenspiels in year 1 to mini steel plans in Year 6.

Music is an integral part of our school. We love to sing. We love to perform. Every year we hold special events for our local community where we are able to experience success in this subject.

We also perform with other schools as a part of wider events. We have received the ‘Music Mark’ award for the past two years in recognition for delivering high-quality music education.

### **Implementation**

- Music is taught to us once a week by our music specialist teacher Mr Dewet.
- In the EYFS, music skills and knowledge are integrated within the themes we are learning in class. We spend time singing, developing dance movements and percussion playing.
- In Key Stage 1 and 2, our teacher makes links with the other subject areas we are studying as part of our topic theme
- Each year group learns about a specific composer to broaden our cultural knowledge
- In addition, each year group is given the opportunity to learn how to play a specific instrument.
- The skills and knowledge we need to acquire have been clearly mapped so that there is progression; I can do more today than I did yesterday
- Teachers check our understanding through questioning, observation and recording. Our musical journey books and working walls also demonstrate the things we learn in our lessons.
- Trips and experts are carefully planned by our teachers and help to bring our learning to life

### **Impact**

We will demonstrate our learning within the music curriculum through our musical journey books, our performances, displays, in our conversations with teachers and by the vocabulary we use.

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