

Music development plan summary: Langford Village Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Becky Jones
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Inspiring Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Kapow Bilingua Sing Dini's Showstoppers

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.

At Langford Village Academy we follow the exciting and engaging Kapow scheme of work for music, which provides full national curriculum coverage across KS1 and KS2. The scheme of work covers Performing, Listening, Composing, The History of Music, and the inter-related dimensions of music. These are woven together to create enriching and engaging learning experiences for all pupils. Each Year group has units of work to follow across the year, with each unit being made up of 5 lessons that combine the above strands with a cross-curricular topic. Through the use of this scheme children will be taught how to sing expressively and fluently, are given the opportunities to play tuned and untuned instruments, and will learn to recognise the dimensions of music such as pitch, duration, tempo, timbre, structure, texture and dynamics and learn how to use these in their own compositions and improvisations.

In the Early Years, Music is interwoven with the topic-based learning, which follows EYFS curriculum area of learning Expressive Arts and Design. The children are taught to sing a wide variety of songs which link to the chosen Topic of learning and also Literacy and Maths. Children are also encouraged and supported to explore instruments (tuned and untuned), and create their own songs and music during their child-initiated learning time.

Part B: Co-curricular music

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.

Music Tuition:

At Langford Village Academy children have the opportunity to have Piano and/or Ukulele lessons. These are one-to-one lessons taught by specialist music teachers. Piano lessons are offered to children from Year 1 up to Year 6. Ukulele Lessons are also offered to children from Year 1 up to Year 6.

Parents and carers who wish their children to take part in either of these are put in contact with the music teachers and pay for the tuition fees directly.

Extra-curricular Music:

- **Bilingua Sing** – This is a lunchtime club which is available once a week for children from EYFS to Year 6 can sign up to join. Bilingua Sing is a bilingual language club which combines learning Spanish, French, German and Italian with music and song. The club is run by a specialist BilinguaSing Teacher. Parents and carers of children who wish their children to take part sign up through Bilingua Sing and pay any fees directly to them.
<https://www.bilinguasing.com/nurseries-schools/primary-schools/>
- **Dini's Showstoppers** – This is a popular afterschool club run by a professional actress Davina, known as Dini. This club focuses on Musical Theatre and Acting. It aims to help children build their Confidence, Concentration, Communication and Coordination. Parents and carers of children who wish their children to take part sign up through Dini's Showstoppers and pay any fees directly. <https://www.dinisshowstoppers.com/>

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.

Singing Assemblies:

At Langford Village Academy we hold weekly singing assemblies for EYFS/KS1 and KS2 on alternate weeks. The songs covered match the current season or approaching festivals of that half term (such as Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas, Easter, and Spring). If there is a different special event coming up in the school for example Young Voices or the Year 6 Leavers Play, appropriate songs are sometimes chosen for the whole school to learn.

School Concerts and Performances:

Throughout the academic year, all of the children across the school's age groups have several opportunities to take part in Year Group or Key Stage performances and concerts. The school collective also has the opportunity to watch the dress-rehearsals of any of the play performances that take place.

As a school, we are also very lucky to have links with our local church (St Andrew's, Langford) who let us use the church for our concerts that tie in with traditional festivals.

Harvest Festival – This is held at St Andrew's Church, where the minister leads the service and their Worship group provides the musical accompaniment. We hold two services, one for EYFS/KS1 and one for KS2. Parents are invited to attend the service. Each year group learns and sings a song linked to the Harvest theme to perform for the parents as part of the service.

Christmas Plays/Performances – In the lead up to Christmas both the EYFS and KS1 classes put on Christmas plays for parents to come and watch. Previous EYFS Christmas plays have been adaptations of the Nativity Story and The Night Before Christmas with Christmas songs and music for the children to sing and dance to as part of the performance. The parents and carers of the children are invited to watch the Christmas play.

In KS1 the Year 1 and 2 classes work together to put on a scripted Christmas play. These plays provide all of the children with the opportunity to learn and perform a variety of songs to accompany and help tell the story that is being acted out. Parents and carers are again invited to watch the performances.

Christingle Service – This is held at St Andrew's Church, where the minister leads the service and their Worship group provides the musical accompaniment. We hold two services, one for EYFS/KS1 and one for KS2. Parents are invited to attend the service. Each year group learns and sings a song linked to the Christmas theme to perform for the parents as part of the service.

Christmas Pantomime – We organise a Christmas Pantomime performance to come to the school in the week leading up to Christmas. Chaplins Entertainment company presented Beauty and the Beast this year to the school. Parents are asked for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of this performance.

<https://www.chaplinspantos.co.uk/>

Easter Service - This is held at St Andrew's Church, where the minister leads the service and their Worship group provides the musical accompaniment. We hold two services, one for EYFS/KS1 and one for KS2. Parents are invited to attend the service. Each year group learns and sings a song linked to the Easter or Spring theme to perform for the parents as part of the service.

Yr5/6 Summer Performance – The Year 5 and 6 Classes work together to put on a Summer play at the end of the school year. The Year 6 Class take the lead roles as part of their final contribution to life at Langford Village Academy. Last year's play was a musical adaptation of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Nights Dream. It included modern music and songs which brought a vibrant and exciting twist to the traditional Shakespearean script. All of the children taking part get a chance to learn and perform the songs. The children's parents and carers are again invited to watch the final performances.

School Trips:

Young Voices – The children in Year 6 are given the opportunity to attend the Young Voices Concert at the O2 in London. Young Voices is one of the largest concerts for primary school children across the UK. Children and teacher from across the country can come together to unite in song, whilst building singing skills, growing confidence and creating lasting memories. <https://youngvoices.co.uk/>

In the future

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

- **Make Music Day 21st June** – (previously called National Music Day) To make this a school event every year (nearest to date where possible), where all children and classes across the school can showcase their music skills and talents and continue to develop enjoyment and engagement with music.
- **School Choir** – Langford Village Academy does not currently have a school choir. There are plans to set one up for next year.
- **Young Voices** – To make this trip an annual trip for the pupils in Year 6.
- **Musical Experiences** – To invite musicians from the wider to community to share their instruments/music with the school.