

Middlewich Primary School Curriculum Music



At Middlewich Primary School, we aim to provide pupils with a high-quality music education in which they have opportunities to engage with, and explore a wide range of musical experiences. Through practical music-making, listening, and appreciation, pupils develop both technical skills and a deep understanding of music's cultural significance. The curriculum encourages creativity, collaboration, and self-expression, with pupils learning to play instruments, read music and explore different genres. By fostering a love for music, we aim to nurture not only musical talent but also essential skills such as teamwork, discipline, and emotional expression. Our music curriculum, ensures that all pupils, regardless of ability, have the chance to engage with and enjoy music, making it an enriching part of their educational journey.

Learning across the school is based on the following key strands:

- Music appreciation
- Singing
- Musicianship
- Composing

Curriculum Overview EYFS

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
EYFS	Musical Instruction Pupils will learn simple songs and how to follow a range of simple musical instructions.	The Nativity Pupils will learn a range of simple songs as a class and perform to an audience.	Music Explorers Pupils will learn a select and play percussion ins perform to an audience	ion of simple pieces truments to music and	Kerry Andrew – No Place Like Pupils will order a selection of sounds using pictures and perform using body	Musicianship – Little Red Riding Hood (Songs and Stories) Pupils will experiment with using sounds to accompany stories.
					percussion.	Learn a selection of songs with actions,

	Delia Derbyshire Dr	experimenting with
	Who Theme	different character
	Pupils will use music	voices.
	technology to	
	experiment with	
	sounds and, as a class,	
	create a short piece of	
	music (Music Chrome	
	Lab)	

Curriculum Overview Key Stage 1

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 1	Music Around the World Pupils will explore music from around the world, discuss key differences and contribute to a class performance.	Nativity Pupils will learn a range of songs in unison, follow simple musical instructions from a leader and perform to an audience.	Tuned and Untuned Pe Pupils will learn a select tuned and untuned inst music notation and peri	ion of pieces using ruments following	Benjamin Britten - Storm Interludes Pupils will organise sounds and create own symbols to re- create a thunderstorm.	Musicianship – Sun, Sea and Pirates Pupils will earn a range of songs and pieces to perform together.
Year 2	Gamelan Music Pupils will explore key features of Gamelan music, know key facts and contribute to a class performance.	Nativity Pupils will earn a range of songs in unison and simple parts, singing with expression, and perform to an audience.	Tuned and Untuned Pe Pupils will learn a range and untuned instrumen ensemble with different an audience.	of pieces using tuned ts, playing as an	Gustav Holst The Planets Pupils will compose a four-beat rhythmic ostinato and appropriate sound effects and perform it to the class (solo opportunity).	Musicianship – Sun, Sea and Pirates Pupils will earn a range of songs and pieces to perform together.

Curriculum Overview Key Stage 2

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 3	Samba Music Pupils demonstrate knowledge of Samba music and contribute to a class performance. Contribute to a class composition using layered rhythms and use Samba instruments to perform it.	Singing Pupils will learn, rehearse, and perform a range of Christmas songs, demonstrating singing in different parts with expression.	Glockenspiels Pupils will learn, rehearse and perform a range of pieces on the glockenspiel using music notation and visual cues. Compose a fanfare with simple harmony parts. Perform a short solo to the class using 3-5 notes		Y3 & Y4 Summer Performance Pupils will earn, rehearse and perform a range of songs for the summer performance.	
Year 4	Djembe Drumming Pupils will demonstrate knowledge of African music and contribute to a class performance. Contribute to a class composition using layered ostinatos, experiment with how to notate it and use African instruments to perform it.	Singing Pupils will learn, rehearse, and perform a range of Christmas songs, demonstrating singing various parts, singing with increasing control and expression.	Recorders Pupils will learn, rehear of pieces on the glocker notation and visual cues Improvise a short meloc Perform a short solo to	nspiel using music s. dy in a Baroque style.	Y3 & Y4 Summer Perform Pupils will learn, rehear of songs for the summe	se and perform a range

Year 5	Bronze award		Silver award	Halle pieces & gold award
	Pupils will work towards a bronze award and perform as a solo to the class. Learn, rehearse and perform control, expression and appropriate singing style.		Pupils will work towards a silver award and perform as a solo to the class.	Pupils will learn a selection of pieces using a brass or woodwind instrument and perform alongside a professional, live orchestra. Work towards a gold award and perform as a
		T		solo to the class.
Year 6	World Music Pupils will identify different styles of music from around the world and contribute to class performances with control and expression.	Singing Pupils will learn, rehearse, and perform a range of Christmas songs, demonstrating observing phrasing, dynamics, accurate pitching and appropriate style.	Ukuleles Pupils will learn a range of pieces on the ukulele using music notation and visual cues, using at least 4 different chords.	Ukuleles Pupils will learn, rehearse and perform a medley of songs, using 4 chords and a selection of different strumming patterns. Explore different chord sequences and song structure to create a piece with various strumming patterns.

Wider Opportunities

Throughout their time at Middlewich Primary School, pupils have the opportunity to engage with a range of wider musical experiences:

- EYFS and KS1 nativity performances
- Y3 and Y4 summer performance
- Y5 Shakespeare performance
- Y6 Leavers' assembly
- KS1 and 2 choir and band
- Musical Showcases to peers/parents/carers
- Community performances (Middlewich Christmas Light Switch-on, Folk and Boat Festival, Residential and Care Homes, Summer/Christmas Fair, Church)
- Young Voices
- Halle Orchestra performance