

Music Development Plan Summary

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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.

Curriculum Music

Our Music curriculum in Years 1 to 5 is taught through Junior Jam while Reception and Year 6 have a bespoke curriculum. The curriculum we have chosen and is being taught throughout the school provides our pupils with a rich and diverse music education, which will fundamentally help to unlock their creative potential. Our music curriculum sets out to allow children to gain a broad range of musical experiences, giving our children the foundation to explore their talents and passions.

We have created a full comprehensive curriculum that we implement across the academic year in partnership with Junior Jam in Years 1-5. With the support of Junior Jam, we have created a curriculum that spans from Reception to Year 6.

The core/theory units of works have been developed to contain the foundational knowledge. These units of work are year group specific and have been developed in accordance with both the National Curriculum for music and the Model Music Curriculum (2021).

Through the instrumental units of work, pupils will be given opportunities to celebrate, share and experience musical development and consolidate their learning from the core/theory courses. Pupils learn about the history and cultural significance of the instruments they are playing and are able to develop their aural skills. Within the units of work, pupils have the opportunity to perform within the classroom in order to develop confidence.

Co-Curricular Music

At St James, we offer the children an opportunity to attend an after-school provision which is delivered by Junior Jam once a week for the whole year.

Junior Jam delivers a high-quality after school club where children have the opportunity to explore a wide range of instruments, learning not only how to play them but also gaining a deeper understanding of the music they produce. The club inspires passion and nurtures talent, giving children the chance to develop their skills, broaden their knowledge and experience the joy of making music together.

The children also have the opportunity to take part in our school choir. Last academic year, the children in the school choir attended Young Voices.

Musical Experiences

Children at St James School enjoy a wide range of musical experiences. Singing is an important part of our school life, with a dedicated session each week built into our collective worship plan.

Last academic year, some of our children proudly took part in Young Voices, joining with choirs from other schools to perform as part of one large, organised choir. In addition, children in Years 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 had the opportunity to visit the theatre to watch live performances, helping them to appreciate music and performance in a real-life setting. These experiences not only enrich our curriculum and inspire a love of music, but also build confidence and contribute to the cultural capital of our pupils, giving them memorable experiences that broaden their horizons.

In the Future

The curriculum provided by St James in partnership with Junior Jam provides a progressive curriculum, meaning that pupils will further their skills on the instruments they play in future years. The curriculum is monitored and developed yearly, in accordance with all guidance published.

This academic year the children will be taking part in World Music Day in June as well as undertaking the music units during Art's Week in the Summer Term.

The aim is at St James the children are able to listen with understanding, perform with confidence and engage with music.

Further Information

All information regarding the music curriculum can be found on our school website - [St James CE Primary School - Music](#)