



Vision for Music



"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High"

(Psalm 91)

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination"

(Plato)

At St Mary's, it is our vision that music should be an integral part of our children's school life, contributing to their **wellbeing** in every aspect of their learning and fostering a lifelong love of music and **the arts**.

We aim to foster a passion for music in the classroom setting using the lively and interactive 'Charanga Music' scheme, which provides a wide variety of singing and playing activities for children of all abilities. Children will be given opportunities to express themselves **independently** in composition and improvisation activities and all children will be introduced to the inter-related dimensions of music: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, texture, timbre and structure. When the children are ready, they will be taught about musical notation and the history of music, while the progressive nature of the scheme will encourage children to persevere and show **resilience** in developing their musical proficiency as they progress through the year groups.

It is our vision that our children will be exposed to music from diverse times and **cultures**. We will encourage them to improve their **oracy** skills by appraising and commenting on the music that they hear using key musical vocabulary and with reference to the inter-related dimensions of music. In addition, we will provide opportunities for children to share their musical achievements through performances, encouraging them to show **initiative** in contributing to the content and then rehearsing and performing to a high standard. Recordings of the performances will offer children the chance to review their own musical development, **reflecting** upon their successes and considering ways of improvement.

Every child at St Mary's will be given the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. Whole class teaching of a variety of instruments, including the guitar, ukulele and violin, is provided by NMPAT's 'First Access' programme and delivered by a professional musician, while 1:1 tuition in woodwind, strings, brass and keyboard is provided by peripatetic tutors. St Mary's also provides an opportunity for children to learn with Rock Steady. At St Mary's, we will embrace every opportunity to invite gifted and talented musicians into school to perform for our children or to run music workshops, so that as many children as possible will be encouraged to take up an instrument. In this way, we aim to open the eyes of our children to new musical **possibilities** and inspire them to have the highest ambitions for their own musical development.



Purpose of study

Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. A high quality music education should engage and inspire pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, and so increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement. As pupils progress, they should develop a critical engagement with music, allowing them to compose, and to listen with discrimination to the best in the musical canon. (DfE National Curriculum for Music)