

Music at Littledean C of E Primary School

At Littledean C of E Primary School, we aim to instil a love of music in our children. We value music because it is a powerful and unique art form. Music boosts creativity and supports development in social skills, self-discipline and confidence. It is our belief that high-quality music lessons and experiences inspire children to have a passion for music, both past and present. INTENT Our curriculum is designed so that all children: • perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians learn to sing and use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of excellence understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations **Planning** • Long Term: National Curriculum and Development Matters, two year rolling programme of topics taken from a comprehensive scheme of work – Charanga. Each unit of work comprises the strands of musical learning which correspond with the National Curriculum for music: Listening and Appraising, Musical Activities (warm-up games, **IMPLEMENTATION** optional flexible games, singing, playing instruments, improvisation, composition) and Performing. Medium Term: Teachers follow the scheme of work, covering the objectives in the Skills and knowledge breakdown for music. **Teaching and Learning** All activities are based around a song. Games embed the interrelated dimensions of music through repetition.

Singing is at the heart of all musical learning. • Playing instruments with the song to be learnt – tuned/un-tuned percussion instruments, recorders and boom whackers. A sound before symbol approach is used but scores are provided as a understanding of notation si introduced to the children. Improvising with the song using voices and instruments occurs in some units of work. Composing with the song using instruments occurs in some units of work. Use of musical vocabulary will allow children to; describe he inter-related dimensions of music and describe what they like and/or dislike about a piece of music. • Teaching from specialist music teachers allows children to learn to play and perform using a range of tuned instruments. • Visits and performances from trained musicians gives children the opportunity to; listen to a range of musical genres and instruments and appraise them, using musical vocabulary. Assessment Ongoing assessment during lessons (based on discussions and engagement), along with assessment of tasks completed in class. End of unit assessment where children will be assessed as either developing, expected or exceeding in relation to the learning objectives covered within the unit of work. Use of topic related guizzes to check knowledge and understanding. Monitoring of Subject Leader will include planning scrutinies, book looks, lesson observations and pupil conferencing to ensure appropriate coverage of the curriculum. Through the high quality teaching of Religious Education taking place we will see the impact of subject in different ways. • Through pupil voice children will be able to talk about the skills and knowledge they have acquired and appraise a piece of music using musical vocabulary. Children will be observed to be engaged in Music lessons and want to find out more. Children will have an understanding of the historical and cultural background to different genres of music and **IMPACT** individual musicians. Children learn to play a musical instrument. Assessments and monitoring will show that standards in Music are high and match the standards in other subject areas.