

Music

In music, pupils develop their skills in composing, performing and listening using a range of resources. They can take part in school performances in Key stage 2 and Key Stage 3 as well as the nationally renowned 'Celebration of Schools Music' at Snape Maltings. There are Music clubs at lunch time where pupils can come and have fun learning to play keyboards as well as the peripatetic lessons which some pupils choose to have.

Music in Key Stage 2

In Key Stage 2, music is based around the themes identified as part of the International Primary Curriculum. For example, 'The Magic Toy Maker'. Pupils will learn to identify and names instruments and the materials their sounds come from.

They will listen to different types of music and concentrate on the sounds they hear and discuss whether sounds are high or low (pitch). Pupils will explore long and short sounds, rhythm and pulse and make create sound stories to perform together following simple picture cues. Pupils will move on to explore pitch, rhythm, tempo, sounds made by different instruments.

Music in Key Stage 3

Pupils will extend their ideas and build on their knowledge by exploring rhythm patterns and looking at Pentatonic scales by singing simple songs. They will use tuned and un-tuned instruments to play rhythms and melodies and will also have opportunities to make simple composition using symbols.



As they move on, pupils will be exploring rhythm patterns and looking at melodies and scales. Pupils are encouraged to create a short poem to focus on word syllables to form rhythm patterns to follow. While exploring songs pupils will look at various styles of music and look at the melodies used. Pupils will use simple symbols to compose a melody to play. Pupils will also explore different genres of music and learn about the different styles through the history of music. Some pupils will learn the notes of the treble clef staff and how symbols can be used to make a music score.

Music in Key Stage 4

In Key Stage 4 pupils can choose to follow the Arts Award course in Combined Arts. They will explore themes and genres that interest the group as they learn about the facets that relate to the theme. This will include some elements of Art and craft, music and drama. Pupils will develop a skill that they will share with younger pupils in whatever area interests them either musically or artistically.



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