

Music development plan summary: Hawes Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs. E Foxwell
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	North Yorkshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	North Yorkshire Music Service Sing Up Music Scheme

The following summary sets out how we deliver high-quality music provision to all our pupils across three areas -curriculum music, extra-curricular music, 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

At Hawes Primary School, music is timetabled for every week, is taught from Reception to Year 6, and meets the requirements of the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (Expressive Arts), the National Curriculum for Music, and suggested approaches of the Model Music Curriculum (Singing, Listening, Composing, Performance/Instrumental Performance). Guidance published by the DfE in 2021.

In the music education we offer, we ensure that there is support for all our children including disabled pupils and those pupils with special educational needs (SEND). We ensure that our SEND pupils have access to our music curriculum by making personalised amendments and adaptations. For example, extra time can be given for SEND children to practise and visual and/or multisensory prompts can be provided to support children's development of musical knowledge and skills. In addition to this, the curriculum has been designed based on the principles of cognitive science ensuring

connected knowledge and skills are built upon and retrieval practice techniques are used. This gives children with SEND more time and opportunities to understand the concepts and vital knowledge they need to access the learning.

We use Sing Up Music scheme which provides clearly-sequenced units and lessons providing a solid foundation to deliver a creative and engaging programme of high-quality classroom music activity. Designed and written by subject specialists, it sets out the skills, knowledge, and understanding to be gained by all pupils at each stage of learning, including the Early Years Foundation Stage. Covering a broad and diverse range of repertoire, approaches, and musical traditions, Sing Up Music supports a fully-integrated approach to musical development, connecting the interrelated strands of singing, playing, improvising, composing, listening, and appraising. Sing Up is a scheme aimed at supporting the non-specialist music teacher. Mrs L Foxwell, as subject lead, is available to offer support as and when needed.

Our children have many opportunities to learn to sing well: in music lessons, singing assemblies and when we practise and rehearse for performances such as the Key Stage 1 nativity, Y3/4 and Y5/6 plays. Singing is embedded in all music lessons. Children are encouraged to join the singing club and lead their own music activities with other pupils. KS2 also perform in the community, singing carols and at The Wensleydale Tournament of Song.

In partnership with the local music hub, we have a specialist teacher who comes into school to teach curriculum music lessons to the children in KS2, which includes whole instrumental tuition. Children also have the opportunity to access individual music instrument tuition from North Yorkshire Music Service and Music.

There are a large range of instruments which are accessible to all. We have lots of untuned/percussion instruments and a range of tuned instruments (glockenspiels, recorders, ukuleles, ocarinas) Children in KS2 also use technology to compose their own music e.g. use of the garage band app on the iPad.

Extra-curricular music

We provide opportunities for pupils to sing and play music outside of lesson times:

- Access to private one-to-one lessons provided by NYMS
- KS1 and KS2 singing assembly (weekly)
- singing club

We signpost parents to music opportunities such as private tuition provided by known local music teachers or North Yorkshire Music Service. This includes information on what instruments are offered, charging and remissions information, and if the tuition is subsidised or free, including for parents or carers in particular circumstances (e.g. pupil premium eligibility).

Musical Experiences

We organise musical events and opportunities for our children to give them musical experiences such as:

- Regular singing in assemblies
- Live performances in school from professional musicians, e.g. Swaledale Festival outreach program. Music Hub Instrumental Teachers.
- Free 'Live Lessons' from the Royal Ballet and Opera schools programs
- Music during celebration assemblies – pupils sing or perform for parents
- Harvest and Easter Assemblies for whole school with live accompaniments
- KS1 Nativity performance
- Carol Singing in the local area
- Trip to Richmond theatre to see a pantomime (subsidised by PTFA)
- KS2 Participation in the Wensleydale Tournament of Song (transport subsidised by Tournament Committee and school PTFA)
- KS2 summer production
- KS2 Ukulele performance to parents showcasing learning and progress over the year.

In the future

In order to further develop our music provision in the future we want to;

- Increase the opportunities for children to take up instrumental lessons.
- Take KS2 to Young Voices.
- Increase the use of Sing Up Song Bank to enhance learning across the curriculum.
- Develop our community links with local musicians and groups, such as support groups.
- Continue to grow Singing Club as an all inclusive extra-curriculum group for pupils.

Further information

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Links to our local music hub partner, other local music education organisations and contacts. [Home - North Yorkshire Music Hub](#)