Music Development Plan Summary: St Helen's CE Primary School.

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Eibh Abbey/Catherine McDonald
Name of local music hub	Accent Music Hub

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.

Part A: Curriculum Music

St Helen's CE has been working in partnership with Accent Warrington. This is a recent partnership and supports children in their musical endeavors, coming together and cumulating in performance alongside other schools from across Warrington. Throughout their time in the school, all pupils receive weekly music lessons which cover key concepts and skills such as sight singing and composition.

Every child learns an instrument from year three to year five. This musical education meets the full content of the National Curriculum and provides opportunities to partake in regular performance.

EYFS: Opportunities for music provided in continuous provision and through weekly music lessons.

KS1: 1 hour musicianship per week.

KS2: 1 hour musicianship per week.

As a school we use Kapow as a resource to support our children in developing their musical knowledge and progression throughout.

Part B: Extra-Curricular Music

As part of our 'Shine' extra-curricular provision, the pupils also have the opportunity to join a weekly choir. Pupils who attend this club are encouraged and invited to take part in community events.

All pupils from YR-6 take part in a weekly singing worship, where they are able to sing as part of an ensemble. The music selected links to our Christian value focus for that half term, as well as holidays and special events.

We also provide children the opportunity to be part of a performing arts extra curricular club which supports children in developing their knowledge and experience of musical performance with a show at the end of the year to showcase achievements and talents.

Part C: Musical Experiences

This year, pupils will continue to have the opportunity to take part in a range of musical performances across Warrington and the local community.

Our School choir participate int LDST schools choir and visits other schools across LDST also performing at the opening of the conference in September.

Community events include taking part in a concert with St Helen Hollinfare at Christmas, performances for community groups and special occasions. There is also the opportunity to perform at the village summer fair for a wider audience.

Each class performs each half term at the community village hall. This gives children the opportunity to perform what they have learnt in their music lessons for a wider audience. This is addition to the class performances in school for parents and the school as part of their learning exhibitions.

Infants perform across Warrington as part of the Accent Music Hub each year. EYFS parents are invited in at points throughout the year in addition to class learning exhibitions. This includes the Easter Bonnet Parade for example.

Each class takes part in a performance workshop linked to our school Christian values and this is performed for parents and the rest of the school. Additionally, we have a school show at the end of the year where children have the opportunity to showcase their performance for a wider audience.

In the future

The school will continue to work alongside community groups and the Accent Music Hub to plan and deliver an extensive music curriculum. We plan to develop the pupil's knowledge of historical and contemporary composers, linking to the history curriculum to do so.
We will also be working with Liverpool Cathedral choir throughout the year.

The school will also continue to develop pupil opportunities for singing as part of an ensemble.