

# Music development plan summary: Mowmacre Hill Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024/25
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Megan Evans
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Isaac Howarth
Name of local music hub	Leicestershire Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Leicester Cathedral Spark Arts

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas: curricular music, extra-curricular provision and musical experiences. This summary also includes 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

The school uses the Primary Leicestershire Music Scheme of Work to teach music. Pupils in Year 1-6 participate in weekly, 30-minute singing assemblies and receive 18 hours of taught music lessons across the academic year. Children also participate in 2 hours of celebratory musical events. These are delivered in line with our [accessibility plan](#), to ensure that our pupils with SEND are well supported to access the full music curriculum.

- Our school music curriculum is informed by the [model music curriculum](#), non-statutory guidance for teaching music.
- Pupils have the opportunity to learn to sing through singing assemblies and have access to a wide variety of musical genres including 20<sup>th</sup> century music.

- Pupils in Year 3 receive vocal teaching as a whole-class ensemble teaching through DioSing with the opportunity to sing a wide variety of songs and perform these at the end of the year in Leicester Cathedral.
- As a school, we work in partnership with Leicestershire Music. We have been involved with the development of the mixed year group planning of units and attended network meetings with a variety of schools from Leicestershire using the same scheme.
- Last year, we began a partnership with Spark Arts and Leicestershire Music particularly focusing on music within F2. The aim of the project is to develop teacher's music skills and knowledge to enable them to initiate and embed music into the curriculum and environment. Children have been learning through child-initiated and adult led opportunities to be musical using their bodies, vocal sounds, everyday objects and instruments.

## Part B: Extra-curricular music

Pupils in Years 3-6 have the opportunity to join the school choir, who sing carols at our local care home each Christmas which is always well received and enjoyed by the local community. Pupils also have the opportunity to sing in local areas, such as shopping centres, to fundraise and support our school. The choir is free to join and occurs during lunch times each week for 30 minutes.

Pupils in Year 5 can take part in a singing collaborative performance alongside local primary schools hosted by Leicestershire Music. Pupils learn a set list and practise these songs, before coming together with other local schools to perform to parents at the local secondary school theatre space.

## Part C: Musical experiences

Weekly singing assemblies include working towards seasonal performances to parents and people within the community, including during our annual carol concert. This includes learning to sing in rounds using pre-recorded music.

Pupils have the following opportunities to perform in concerts throughout their time at our school:

- F1 and F2: Musical Nativity (December)
- Year 1: Seasons Performance (Autumn Term)
- Year 2: Shakespeare Performance (Summer Term)
- Year 3: DioSing Cathedral Performance (July)

- Year 5: Leicestershire Music Singing Collaborative Performance (April)
- Year 6 Leavers' Performance (July)

Pupils in the school choir can sing at our local supermarket during the year, raising funds for our music curriculum.

## In the future

To further enhance our music provision, the school development plan includes the following aims for 2025/26:

- Provide opportunities for pupils to master learning an instrument, through a funded club or lesson.
- To give children the experience of hearing live music making during their time at school.