

Music Intent Statement

Intent

The pupils at The Merton Primary School begin their musical journey as soon as they start their primary school education with us. Our pupils:

- have many opportunities to listen to and appreciate a wide variety of music (see topic cycle tables), learning to make personal choices and to understand the views of their peers
- through singing, learn to perform together in both unison and part-singing
- become composers and performers, gaining confidence as they progress through the school
- are taught about rhythm, pulse, the voice, pitch, music technology and music history through a fun, hands-on approach.

Our aim is that, as each individual finishes their musical journey with us, they will have the basic skills on which to continue their musical development. This is not just for their next school but, hopefully, will be a love and understanding of music for life.

Exceptional Curriculum Offer

In order to give the children wider experiences, we subscribe to the Leicestershire Music Hub and through this give the children opportunities such as:

- Year 4 WCET Percussion tuition with a visiting specialist teacher
- KS1 Singing workshop sessions with other schools
- Weekly KS2 choir rehearsals which lead to performances in massed choirs in area school concerts, The De Montfort Hall and Young Voices at the NEC

Our children experience music in both weekly curriculum music lessons and during School Meetings. The children are fortunate to be able to work with a large selection of percussion instruments and have whole class recorder tuition in Year 3.

We have been awarded the Music Mark 2019-2020 in recognition of the above.

Enriching the Curriculum

Performing: There are many opportunities for the pupils at The Merton Primary School to perform to a variety of audiences:

- in front of their class peers in music lessons
- in front of the school during School Meetings and in opportunities such as school talent shows

- end of term musical plays for parental audiences, the dress rehearsals being in front of the rest of the school. At the end of the Autumn Term EYFS and KS1 perform, LKS2 perform at the end of the Spring Term and UKS2 at the end of the Summer Term.
- the annual Summer Music Concert provides opportunities for solo and ensemble performances. Children who have been learning to play the recorder, either in class or in a club, and the members of the school choir share their talents, as do those who are having instrumental lessons.

Children in KS2 have the wider opportunity to take peripatetic musical instrument lessons in addition to the opportunities provided in our class curriculum. Currently we have lesson opportunities to learn the electronic keyboard and guitar.