



# Music Intent Statement



The Merton Primary School  
*To be the best we can be.*

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, including many genres and from different eras and countries. They learn to make personal choices and to understand and respect 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. This involves both working together as a team and as a soloist.
- are taught about rhythm, pulse, the voice, pitch, music technology and music history through a fun, hands-on approach through the Leicestershire Music – Music Scheme

Our aim is that, as each individual child 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 Leicestershire Music and through this give the children opportunities such as: Year 4 WCIT instrument tuition with a visiting specialist teacher—KS1 Singing workshop sessions with other schools KS2 choir rehearsals which has led 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 Assemblies. The children are fortunate to be able to work with a large selection of percussion instruments. We have whole class glockenspiel & boomwhackers tuition in Year 3, WCIT in Year 4, descant recorder tuition in Year 5 and hand bells in Year 6. We were 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 Assemblies and in opportunities such as school talent shows -at the end of term musical plays for parent 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. Our 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 Merton School Choir and Performing Arts Club share their talents, as do those who are having instrumental lessons. Children who have lessons out of school are also invited to take part. At Christmas, the choir and instrumentalists perform to, and sing together with, parents and family members. Hopefully we will soon be able to share our carol singing with the community, as we did pre-Covid. Yr 4 share their WCIT Percussion playing at the end of the year. Some years this is at De Montfort Hall in a Leicestershire Music Concert, other years to the rest of the school and their family members in school. 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, flute and guitar.