

Music development plan summary: Monkleigh Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Kate Slocombe
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Miss Maddie Lewis
Name of local music hub	Devon Music Education Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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

Our School music policy is published on the Monkleigh School website and can be accessed through our curriculum pages.

Our provision is inclusive of all pupils and provides access to pupils with special educational needs and provides access for disabled pupils.

Pupils receiving pupil premium have access to subsidised and fully funded opportunities offered by the school.

<https://www.monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk/school/curriculum>

1 hour per week is allocated for all key stage 1 and key stage 2 pupils every half term according to our two-year rolling programme. FSU pupils have access to music through the Early Years Curriculum. The school is informed by the model music curriculum and follows the Charanga scheme of music with additional lessons from a peripatetic music teacher who uses whole class instrument sets hired from the Devon Education Music Hub on a termly basis. Lessons with the peripatetic music teacher are for a whole term. Each class has a whole term, once a year, learning a percussion instrument or tuned musical instrument according to a rolling programme. Typically, this includes Samba instruments, melodicas, brass instruments, toots or keyboards. Children learn to sing across both key stages. Charanga music is enhanced by the use of recorders, glockenspiels and voices. The school has a range of percussion instruments which are available for class lessons and for performances. There are opportunities for performance throughout the school year. Pupils will also have opportunities to visit events such as The Devon Music Mix and live music performance such as the Pantomime at Barnstaple theatre, events at The Plough in Torrington or live music provided by Devon Education Music Hub.

We have a drum boxes and tuned percussion such as free-standing large glockenspiels in the playground which are available for any of the pupils to play in their playtimes and lunchtimes.

Part B: Extra Curricular Music.

Pupils at Monkleigh School have access to private music tuition in keyboard, brass instruments and guitar in one to one private lessons, provided by a visiting peripatetic music teacher. Pupil premium pupils are able to have fully funded private 1:1 lessons if requested.

Pupils can rehearse in spaces available in the school.

In addition to this, children have the opportunity to attend a choir club or music club after school when it is offered by teachers or Teaching Assistants running school clubs. (We are a small staff but we offer a range of clubs which change every half term and music or choir will be offered when the adult is available to

run the club.) There is a small charge of £1.00 per session for the club and financial support is given to pupil premium pupils. Clubs take place in the school.

Year 5 and 6 visit London for a residential stay biannually and as part of the experience they go to a west end musical show such as The Lion King or Matilda.

Children are offered the opportunity to join Teacher's Rock Youth Choir from September 2024 which includes singing in a choir and opportunities to perform in venues such as Exeter Cathedral, Trystock at The Big Sheep, and other music events organised by Debbie Kent, musical director and CEO of the choir.

Monkleigh School is part of DISP (a group of maintained small schools) who support each other with the music curriculum with events such as a DISP music festival planned for 2024- 2025.

Part C: Musical experiences and events.

Pupils have the opportunity to sing in music lessons, in assemblies and as part of their curriculum linked to subjects such as history and geography.

The school puts on a performance every autumn term which all children take part in. FSU pupils take part in their own performance and parents are invited to watch these. Space is very limited within the school so a village hall is hired for the pantomime or Christmas school play and children have the opportunity to work with sound and light systems to enhance their performance.

During the summer term pupils put on their own performances for Monkleigh's Got Talent and they have access to practice areas and sound systems to support their performances. They perform for an audience of pupils staff and parents.

Opportunities to visit musical productions and experiences are planned into the school timetable when these become available (eg visit to Oakhampton school to see members from the Royal Marine Band, taking part in cathedral performance through the Teacher's Rock Choir and visits to events at The Plough in Torrington.

Pupils go to the Pantomime every other year which is funded by Friends of the School and parental contribution and pupil premium children are subsidised for the visit.

Visiting musicians are invited into School to perform for the children (eg members of Appledore Band or parents who are musicians).

In the future

The school proposes to carry on hiring musical instruments from the Music Education Hub in order for children to experience whole class tuition once a year, for a term with tuned quality musical instruments.

Children will continue to have opportunities to take part in local music events and festivals supported by Teachers Rock and Devon Education Music Hub.

Monkleigh school is part of a group of maintained small schools (known as DISP) and there could be opportunities to work collaboratively to have visiting musicians, and annual music festival, to develop a larger DISP choir or music ensemble within the group of schools. It is also planned for music lead teachers to be able to support each other through this group.

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.

The local [music hub](#) should also have a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 that should include useful information.

Children can access additional choir opportunities through Teacher's Rock Youth Choir and events will be advertised on the school newsletter and school dojo messaging system.

The school is advised and supported by Debbie Kent who is deputy hub lead for Devon Music Hub, and musical director of Teachers Rock and Teacher's Rock Youth Choir

