

School music development plan 2024/25

Introduction

Academic year this summary covers	2024/25
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This is a summary of how Thomas A'Becket Infant School delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas - curriculum music, extra 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

Timetabling

Curriculum music is music taught in lesson time to **all** pupils.

Year group	Time dedicated to curriculum music teaching each week	
EYFS (Rec)	All terms: 30-45 minutes + continuous provision. This builds across the year.	
Year 1	All terms: 1 hour	
Year 2	All terms: 1 hour	

Curriculum music lessons are informed by the **Model Music Curriculum** (nonstatutory guidance for music teaching) and provide pupils with opportunities to:

- Listen to and evaluate music from diverse time periods and cultures.
- Learn how to create and control sound using their voices, as well as tuned and untuned instruments.
- Understand how music is communicated through various notation systems.
- Improvise and compose music.
- Perform musically in front of audiences of varying sizes.

Part A: Curriculum music

Key stage 1

*Performance opportunities from lessons can be developed into more formal events and showcased to broader audiences at concerts, class assemblies, and other school gatherings

Year 1	Lesson opportunities to sing and play instruments	Lesson performance opportunities
Keeping the pulse	Singing a sentence, keeping a steady pulse. Keeping the pulse of the music and playing sound patterns using body percussion and untuned instruments.	Performing to the class in pairs to show pulse and rhythm.
Tempo	Singing a short chant and song. Keeping the beat to a chant and song, using instruments	Performing to the class in pairs, demonstrating a song at varying speeds.
Dynamics	Using untuned percussion instruments to create seaside sounds.	Performing in pairs for the class, demonstrating seaside sounds and their corresponding symbols.
Sound patterns	Practising different sound patterns using instruments.	Using instruments to tell the story of the `Three little pigs' to the class.
Pitch	Using tuned percussion instruments to play a simple tune.	Performing superhero theme tunes as a group to the class.
Musical symbols	Using tuned percussion and clapping to play different symbols to represent the sea.	Performing under the sea sounds as a group to the class.

Year 2	Lesson opportunities to sing and play instruments	Lesson performance opportunities
Call and response	Using body percussion and voices to share call and response patterns.	Performing different call and response patterns in groups to the class.
Instruments	Working in groups to use instruments and create music that matches a storyboard.	Working as a group to perform music to match the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk.'
Singing	Learning to sing three folk songs and using voices and body percussion.	Performing a folk song and composition as a group.
Contrasting dynamics	Using vocal sounds and instruments to create space soundscapes.	Performing a space soundscape and sharing space symbols as a group.
Structure	Using instruments to perform different sound patterns.	Performing sound patterns as a group using instruments.
Performance	Using tuned percussion instruments, children read from a score and perform a song.	Performing 'Once a man fell in a well' as a class using voices and instruments.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

Timetabling

Opportunities for singing and playing music outside of lesson time support pupil progress beyond the core curriculum.

Yeargroup	Assembly time dedicated to music learningeach week	Extra-curricular club opportunities available to all	Musictuition
EYFS: Reception	15 Mins		Guitar Lessons offered
Year 1	20 mins		Guitar Lessons offered
Year 2	20 mins	Choir Club Drumheads workshop	Guitar Lessons offered

Part C: Musical experiences

Opportunities to participate and be an audience member

This section shows all the other musical events and opportunities we organise, such as singing in assemblies, concerts, shows and trips to professional concerts.

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
EYFS: Reception	Children perform a learnt nursery rhyme to parents. Children perform a 'Nursery Rhyme' Nativity to parents.		Children perform a minibeast song in assembly.
Year 1	Visit from Siggi at Spring into Soul Choir for Black History Month Children invited to join a singing performance at 'Audioactive' for Black History Month events. All children perform a Nativity to parents.	Musical Workshop visit	
Year 2	Visit from Siggi at Spring into Soul Choir for Black History Month Children invited to join a singing and drumming performance at 'Audioactive' for Black History Month events. School Choir perform at 'Light up a Life' concert. All children perform a Nativity to parents.	Worthing at Spring into Soul Concert	School Choir perform at FABS FEST (Summer Fayre) Children perform to parents at end of year Leaver Assembly event.

Thomas A'Becket is committed to continually enhancing musical offerings to pupils. Below are the improvements we plan to implement in the coming years. We welcome your suggestions and encourage you to contact the school if you have any ideas on how we can further improve our musical opportunities.

Improvement	Who will benefit?	Is the change to A: curriculum music B: extra-curricular music C: musical experiences?	When will the change be introduced?
Creative Classroom is being created which will be a dedicated, inspirational space for children to engage in musical lessons or activities.	All children	A, B and C	Musical instruments and resources are currently being purchased. Creative Classroom to be ready by the end of Autumn 2
Kapow Music Scheme being rolled out across the school.	All children	A and C	Sept 2024
KS1 looking to enrich musical activities through specialist visits.	Year 1 and 2 children	С	Across each term