



Valley End Music Curriculum Overview

Intent

Music is a highly valued, and integral part of life at Valley End. It is our intent that all children have the chance to enjoy, listen to, explore and appreciate a wide range of music, including music from a variety of cultures and times. From the Early Years, children will have the opportunity to find different ways of making sounds with their voices and move their bodies in a rhythmical way. Older children learn how to correctly play a tuned instrument, developing skills to then improvise and create their own musical compositions.

Our music lessons are fun, active and creative, aiming to give the children practical and inspiring experiences of all aspects of music. The children evaluate their own work and come up with improvements, as well as learning how to critically evaluate the work of others.

Implementation

*When young people make music together, they work toward a common goal that has the potential to change lives profoundly for the better.
'The Importance of Music' 2011*

To implement the music curriculum we offer a wide range of resources and making music together is a key feature in this. Children in KS1 receive weekly music lessons for 30 minutes from a music specialist, and all children take part in a 30 minute Singing Assembly. The curriculum is bespoke to the high expectations we have at Valley End and is based on Music Express and the Model Music Curriculum (2021) with additional resources from Surrey Music Hub included as appropriate for First Access Recorder Teaching.

Our music curriculum is enriched through listening and appraising, musical games, singing, playing instruments, improvising, composing and performing. All children enjoy many opportunities to perform, both in school and in the local community. Older children also access a range of music workshops throughout the year.

Music features highly in the Early Years, with songs and rhymes being used in daily classroom routines. We appreciate that upon starting at Valley End, children's musical experiences can be broad and varied and we aim to build upon these in the musical experiences we provide, whereas for some, their experiences have been quite limited, so we will expose them to different musical genres.

Impact

It would be our expectation that children would achieve age related expectations in music at the end of their cohort year, and that they would retain the knowledge they have learnt and build on it. Throughout the music curriculum, pupils are developing a map of musical knowledge, skills and understanding that they will continue to add to once they leave Valley End.

Above all, it is hoped that through the rich wealth of opportunities given to them, all children will be given a chance to shine and enjoy music in its varying formats. It is our aim that the children's self-esteem and confidence will grow as a result of their engagement with the exciting music curriculum at Valley End Infant School.



Curriculum Map

EYFS	Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs – throughout the year Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate try to move in time with music tied in with themes below.					
	Harvest Nursery Rhymes	Diwali Christmas	Lunar New Year Winter Shrove Tuesday	Spring Easter	Africa Water	Minibeasts World
Year 1	Exploring sounds (Ourselves, Storytime, Weather)	Beat (Our Bodies) Pattern / notation	Pitch (Seasons, Animals) Boomwhackers	Beat (Machines, Windsor Castle) Instruments of the orchestra	Pitch (Water) *Notation – tea/coffee*	Exploring Sounds (Our School) African songs
	Harvest Chobham Prom	Christmas Performance		Mozart Rondo Alla Turco MMC		Parent Concert
	Untuned percussion		Tuned percussion		African rhythms	
Year 2	Recorders – beat, pulse, pitch	Beat – (Toys, Notation and composition	Exploring sounds - Instruments and symbols – (Our Land, Ourselves)	Pitch – (Animals, Water) Pitch composition	Performance - Timbre, tempo and dynamics – (Travel)	Exploring Sounds (Storytime)
	Harvest	Christmas Performance		Surrey Heath Music Festival Parent Concert	Ravels Bolero MMC	Grandparents Concert Leavers Concert
	Recorders					

Music express topic