

Music development plan summary: Warrender Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
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Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs H Brown/ Mr I Bornman
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs H Brown
Name of local music hub	Hillingdon Music Service- part of the London West Music Hub

Part A: Curriculum music

At Warrender, the intent of our music curriculum is to ensure all children ASPIRE to develop their musical ability and appreciation of music.

It is our aim in music that all children:

- *Achieve* by being able to sing tunefully within a group and some will be able to harmonise
- Demonstrate *respect* by having an understanding of world music and appreciate how significant composers influenced musical history.
- Have a sense of *pride* and *enjoyment* when performing melodies on tuned instruments and rhythms on untuned instruments
- *Inspire* others when composing their own compositions for performance
- Feel *supported* in their musical journey to progress in their own musical ability through the tracking of musical skills

Children at Warrender have weekly music lessons for one hour. Music is taught as a discrete subject using a Sing Up scheme of work which meets the requirements of the Model Music Curriculum. Each lesson is a high-quality, practical and engaging musical experience.

Children learn to listen, perform, review and evaluate Music across a range of genres. They develop self-confidence, skills, knowledge and understanding to

develop a lifelong love of music. Skills and knowledge are carefully mapped to ensure children are developing and improving year on year.

Throughout the music lessons, children have the opportunity to play both tuned and untuned instruments. In Year 4, children spend the year learning to play the Ukulele. This is taught by a peripatetic teacher who teaches both Year 4 classes. Children share their skills in assemblies, Christmas Junior Performance and an end of term Summer concert.

Part B: Co-curricular music

At Warrender Primary, we work in Partnership with Hillingdon Music Service (a part of London West Music Hub) to offer the opportunity for our children to learn an instrument from Year 3 upwards. These lessons are taught by peripatetic teachers who lead lessons once a week in the afternoons only. Lessons are taught individually. The instruments on offer at Warrender currently are drums, guitar, keyboard, saxophone, violin and flute. Lessons cost £108.95 per term (plus £31.00 to hire an instrument if needed) and reduced rate are offered to pupil premium families of £23.35. Further information can be found:

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/startmusic>

Warrender Junior Choir is thriving with over 90 children (Years 3-6) who attend on a weekly basis. The choir is led by the Headteacher. The choir take part in many different community events, attend live musical theatre performances, participate in Young Voices at Wembley Arena and sing to elderly people in care homes. There is no charge to attend choir and participate in these events. Wherever possible, Warrender tries to include as many children in events as possible.

Part C: Musical experiences

The whole school participates in weekly singing assemblies in their key phases. Within these assemblies, children are exposed to and learn a range of songs from different genres and cultures.

All children from Nursery to Year 6, participate in Christmas concerts and nativity where they perform songs as a class. Alongside this, singing and instrumental playing is a prominent feature of class assemblies.

The use of song as a memory learning tool is evident across the curriculum and used widely across the whole of the school. Songs are used to support recall of important facts such as timetables, Kings and Queens, Roman Army and continents of the world.

Year 6 enjoy their end of year musical production where children have the opportunity to sing in a group or perform solos or duets.

With all our assemblies and performances, the rest of the school are exposed to music through watching these performances. All siblings attend performances if their sibling is in a different key phase.

Throughout the year, Junior Choir attend various musicals. Children spend time learning the songs as part of choir and enjoy watching musical theatre performances. Such trips have included Hairspray, Matilda, The Lion King and Starlight Express – all performances have been under £30 a ticket.

Year 5 participate in African Drumming workshops once a year where they learn different drumming beats, call and response patterns and about the history of the Djembe drum.

Every year, both Key stage one and Key stage two watch a traditional pantomime and the whole school partake in music and drama workshops.

In the future

It is important that we are offering children a range of musical experiences.

- Rock Band After School club
- Workshops with Secondary A-level students
- A bank of 'iconic' songs and artists that children can recognise through exposure to songs when entering and exiting assembly.

Further information

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/1221/Hillingdon-Music-Service>