

Music development plan summary: Clapham Manor Primary School and Nursery

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Katie Turner
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Clare Salisbury
Name of local music hub	Lambeth Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Sing Education

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

This is about what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

To read in more detail about the provision music at Clapham Manor Primary School, please visit our music curriculum page:

<https://www.claphammanor.lambeth.sch.uk/music-1>

Music is taught in class every week and is informed by the [Model Music Curriculum](#) (March 2021) and Development Matters. In Years 1-6, lessons are around an hour, while lessons in Reception start at around 30 minutes and build up in time across the year. Pupils are taught by a music specialist (from Sing Education) using the Sing Education curriculum scheme of work. This musical learning is further supplemented by weekly singing assemblies in each phase, lasting 20 minutes.

Across the year groups, children spend time learning an instrument as a whole-class ensemble (including the recorder, ukulele and glockenspiel).

Part B: Co-curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

At Clapham Manor Primary School, we currently offer individual and small-group lessons on the following instruments: violin, vocal, guitar, piano, drums, harp. We have long-standing links with the peripatetic teachers, who are now organised by Sing Education. These teachers visit the school and teach children in our dedicated music practice rooms. Individual and small group lessons are funded by parents, however for those children who are eligible for Pupil Premium, the lessons are subsidised.

We also have a Key Stage 2 Choir, which runs weekly after-school, led by our Sing Education music teacher. Members of the choir have the opportunity at a range of school events as well as taking part in the Sing Lambeth event at the Royal Festival Hall. The cost of this is £25 per term, but bursary places are also offered to vulnerable pupils and those eligible for Pupil Premium.

We have partnered with Rock Steady, to offer pupils the opportunity to play an instrument as part of an ensemble. These lessons are funded by parents, however we offer a small number of bursary places for pupils who are vulnerable or eligible for Pupil Premium. Pupils taking part in Rock Steady are able to work towards the Rocksteady and Trinity College London Ofqual regulated qualification 'Music Performance in Bands'.

During the course of the year, pupils are given the opportunity to take part in a Steel Pan Band, performing in events such as the Celebration of Black Culture and the Windrush Celebration. This is a free ensemble and pupils are able to practice during their lunchtimes with a suitable member of staff.

Part C: Musical experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

Children will have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music this academic year. Please see below for a list of those opportunities:

- Weekly Singing Assemblies
- Steel Pan Band performing at the Celebration of Black Culture Event and Windrush Celebration
- Choir performing at the Celebration of Black Culture Event and the Summer Fair

- Rock Steady pupils performing in concerts at the end of each term to both pupils and parents / carers
- Nursery children performing in the Christmas Sing-along
- Reception children performing in the Nativity
- Lower School and Upper School children performing in the Christmas Concerts
- KS1 children performing in the Spring Sing
- Choir, ensembles and soloists performing at our Summer Music Extravaganza
- Year 6 Musical Theatre end of year production
- Year 4 Royal Ballet and Opera Workshop
- Year 5 trip to watch a musical theatre production at a local secondary school (The Elms Academy)
- Year 4 trip to watch a musical theatre production in the West End
- Year 3 trip to watch a theatre production at Clapham Library
- Year 1 trip to see London Symphony Orchestra
- Choir taking part in Sing Lambeth event at Royal Festival Hall

For external events which have a higher associated cost, e.g. the Year 4 Musical Theatre trip, the Parent / Carer year group reps organise fundraising events (such as bake sales) to support families in paying for these.

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

In future years, our Music Development Plan aims to achieve the following:

- Access to lessons across a wider range of instruments to include brass
- Develop opportunities for further school ensembles
- Develop opportunities to provide practice space for pupils who may not have this opportunity at home