



'Opening the Gate to Success'

Music development plan summary: Parkgate Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Megan Crossley
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Zoe Richards
Name of local music hub	Coventry Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Coventry Music

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.

At Parkgate, we have timetabled music lessons in all year groups every week all taught by a specialist teacher. We use the Kapow music scheme for our lessons which is aligned to the National Curriculum for Music. When using the scheme and its progressive week-by-week lessons, we are guaranteeing to be meeting all the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum and progress is evident through observations, floor books and children's skill development. Observations have shown all pupils engaged and active during the lesson. We have a wide range of instruments that can be used in the lessons and our curriculum. Year 5 & 6 have a genre of the week lesson starter and this music appreciation ensures a variety of music is listened to and discussed by all upper KS2 children. Teachers are confident with their music subject knowledge and teaching children how to listen and appreciate a piece of music.

EYFS receive 40 minutes of music lessons each week.

KS1 has a music lesson for 45 minutes a week. This includes a formal music lesson, singing in assemblies as well as singing games, chants etc within the classroom to link to class topics.

KS2 has music for an hour a week. This is made up of a formal music lesson, singing assemblies and instrumental lessons.

Our school music curriculum is informed by the Kapow music curriculum as well as a variety of other resources from 'Sing Up' and 'BBC Ten Pieces'. We are also supported by 'Coventry Music Hub'. This allows us to take part in whole class ensembles, as well as extra activities and concerts throughout the year provided by our local music hub.

To read in more detail about the year group specific music provision at Parkgate, please visit our music curriculum page <https://www.parkgate-coventry.org.uk/page/?title=As+Musicians%2E%2E%2E&pid=158>

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 Parkgate Primary School, we currently offer individual and small-group lessons on various instruments and singing through iRock. Teachers visit the school and teach children in a dedicated practise room.

We also offer an after school Performing Arts club where children get the opportunity to practice voice skills alongside other performance elements.

Children in KS2 have the opportunity to attend 'Band Camp'. This is an immersive music experience running over 2 days. This involves musical games and activities, mini festival and culminates in a concert at the end of the second day.

Children in year 4, 5 & 6 are able to join 'Singing Club'. This is a lunchtime club available for any child who enjoys singing and runs every week during one lunchtime. A variety of songs are learnt including songs from other countries and popular songs. Children are encouraged to sing in small groups or solos if they wish. They have the opportunity to perform throughout the year.

We work with Coventry Music Hub as our local music hub to promote outside opportunities to our children.

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.

KS1 and KS2 have a singing assembly once a week. The children are taught songs which are related to moral issues / assembly topics. Within these assemblies, the children also listen to a piece of music which is often from other countries and cultures as well as pieces by key composers.

Children who are in KS2 Singing Club have the opportunity to perform within school throughout the year as well as 2 performances to parents.

Young carers visit the Christmas pantomime annually at the Albany Theatre.

Two live performances from M and M productions in school each year.

Children will have the opportunity to perform or experience high quality music this academic year.

We take part in the 'orchestral series' concert which is a live performance by the Halle Orchestra. This concert showcases a variety of pieces which usually follow a theme. For most of the children in Year 5 and 6 this is the first time they will have seen a 'live orchestra' of such scale.

iRock Performances for children who have attended sessions

EYFS & KS1 Christmas performances

We have a link with London Ballet and Opera house who run CPD sessions in school linked to Coventry City of Culture.

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:

- Develop more performance opportunities for our young musicians throughout the school year.
- We would like to be able to offer the opportunity for children to attend Young Voices. Our aim is to participate in 2026.
- Establish links with President Kennedy and Barrs Hill
- Carry out Parent Voice to establish desire for in-school music tuition provided by Coventry Music.
- Look at additional opportunities for instrumental tuition on different instruments
- Introduce the upper hall opening before school where children come into listen to different genres of music.