



## Intent

At Firs Primary we are committed in creating a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity; Music.

We are dedicated to ensuring that every child is given a high quality music education which will engage, inspire and develop a love of music, musical talent and as a result build on self confidence,. Therefore giving each child a sense of a achievement.

Through our well thought out curriculum children are given the opportunity to build on their musical vocabulary, perform, listen and evaluate as well as look in depth at the inter related dimensions with in music. They are then given the opportunities to apply what they have learnt through wider opportunities provided to them both in and outside of school.

Music at Firs not only develops the children's knowledge within the classroom but it allows children to explore their love of music further through the links we have with Sinfonia Viva, Young Voices, Derby Theatre, 2Beez, Wider Ops and Derbyshire Music Partnership. This ensures that all children from any background are exposed to cultural experiences that they may not get elsewhere.

Parents are strongly encouraged to come along and support their child through a range of different opportunities offered to them and their child/ren throughout the year.

During music lessons and work with outside agencies children are encouraged to express their own opinions and let their creativity flow. Each child is taught how to respect their peers and embrace the cultural diversity within the school.

## Implementation

The award winning music scheme Charanga has been carefully chosen in order to ensure that all children are given the opportunity to cover the music national curriculum whilst at Firs.

Charanga gives staff high quality planning to follow as well as a list of key vocabulary for each Key Stage and a set of interactive resources available on the whiteboard. Therefore ensuring that both musicians and non-musicians have the confidence, professional knowledge and tools to deliver exciting and progressive music lessons.

Charanga is a flexible scheme which allows staff to differentiate where appropriate for all needs and it's specific SEND curriculum allows for more personalised teaching where necessary.

At Firs we have adapted the Charanga scheme to suit the needs of our children. The scheme has been carefully adapted for all year groups (EYFS, KS1 & KS2) to ensure that as children progress through school, they develop a critical engagement with music, allowing them to compose, and to listen with discrimination to the best in the musical ability.

In Year 4 the children take part in the Wider Ops programme where all children have weekly music lessons to learn the violin. Within these lessons children are also taught about the inter-related dimensions within music and how to use them effectively when playing and performing. Children are then given the opportunity to display their talent alongside the Halle Orchestra at Derby Arena in July.

Music is embedded within life at Firs and during assemblies children are encouraged to listen to the works of great composers and musicians across a range of historical periods.

## Impact

Progress and attainment is monitored through book scrutinies, pupil and staff voice, lesson observations and analysis of data which is completed on the relevant assessment grid at the end of each topic.

By offering children a curriculum which is tailored to their needs and through work with outside agencies we hope to see that all children, including those from disadvantaged backgrounds and with SEND have the chance to succeed. These experiences will help build on each child's cultural capital, ensuring that skills which have been learnt have been remembered, therefore allowing for new knowledge bases to be created and built upon year in year out.