

MUSIC

At North, we believe that Music is all around us. It is the soundtrack to our lives. Music connects us through people and places in our ever-changing world. It is creative, collaborative, celebratory and challenging.

Our Music curriculum will give students the opportunity to all contribute towards the steadily increasing development of musicianship:

- **Singing:** Children use their voices in a range of contexts. Through good vocal production, careful listening and well-developed sense of pitch, pupils should be able to sing in harmony and with musical delivery by the end of Year 6.
- **Listening:** Children listen to and respond to a diverse range of music for different purposes.
- **Composing:** As an integral part of composition work, pupils should practise recalling, e.g., melodic shapes, harmonic sequences, rhythmic patterns and sections of their compositions.
- **Performing/instrumental performance:** Pupils at North participate in a range of ensemble performance opportunities. Children have opportunities to perform to their classes, across the school, to parents and to the wider community.

How we teach music

At North, all teachers are confident delivering music in their classes which is integrated into wider curriculum experiences. Children have multiple opportunities to listen and appraise music through historical periods to the present day. These songs are carefully selected and connected to their wider curriculum topic which enhances their learning in other areas of the curriculum. Teachers will use effective questioning and discussion to develop pupils' musical vocabulary.

We are members of the EMS Ealing Music Service, who we are in regular contact with and who provide us with several inputs each year: a Charanga license, in-school concerts supported by expert musicians, CPD and curriculum support amongst others.

Music is delivered through subject specific teaching organised into Units and taught weekly. The structure of lessons includes: Listening and Appraising; Musical Activities (e.g singing, playing instruments, improvisation and composition) and Performing.

After each Unit of Work, a video of a final performance and a comment will be uploaded to an 'Assessment evidence' folder in Charanga to help us demonstrate the progression of students, musical knowledge, understanding and skills.

The importance of music

In our school, music brings our community together through the shared endeavour of whole-school singing, ensemble playing, experimenting with the creative process and, through the love of listening to friends and fellow pupils, performing. The sheer joy of music making can feed the soul of our school community, enriching each student while strengthening the shared bonds of support and trust which make North a great school.

