

Music development plan summary: Vallis First School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Rikki Holmes
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	-
Name of local music hub	SSE Somerset Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Jackdaws Music Trust

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.

Our school music curriculum is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021) and the SingUp scheme for Primary aged children.

Pupils have extensive opportunities during lesson time to learn to sing and to explore a range of percussion instruments. In Year 4 pupils all receive 10 weeks of violin tuition from SSE Somerset Music.

We are incredibly lucky to have a highly skilled member of staff who leads music lessons for EYFS, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4. By combining the SingUp planning alongside additional activities pupils are receiving a rich and inspiring music education.

This year we now offer Djembe drumming within our school, some of our KS2 pupils participate in lessons and workshops as a part of their music education.

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.

Throughout the year we work with Jackdaws music to receive Staff CPD and participate in wider musical experiences such as last year's Year of the Recorder and Frome school's opera. We also have links with the Frome Choir who we join to sing with in their rehearsals and Christmas Concert.

An outside tutor comes in to run an afterschool Djembe drumming club once a week which is open to pupils Years 1-4. There is a charge for this club where a pupil premium subsidy is available.

Private piano lessons are available during lunchtimes and afterschool and run on a small-group basis. These are charged lessons at the Piano Teachers rate.

Once a week we have an afterschool choir which is run by a professional conductor and pianist. Pupils Year 2-4 are a part of this. They enjoy performing to the school at the end of each term and to our wider community at celebrations and events throughout the year.

From September we are lucky to have a Music Room within our school. Here we have a piano and extensive range of instruments for pupils to use both inside and outside of their music curriculum lessons. It is also where our Djembe drumming and Choir clubs happen.

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.

Throughout the year pupils from our choir get opportunities to perform both to our school and wider community. Those who are not a part of our choir also get such opportunities through events such as our Harvest Festival, Christmas plays, Christmas Carol concert and Year 4 leaver's production. All of these performances are either free of charge or invite a small donation. Parents and members of the community and really positive when attending these events and praise our pupil's performing skills.

Our partnership with Jackdaws Music provides our KS2 pupils with opportunities to perform alongside pupils from other schools in Frome. There is a charge for these performances such as last Year's Frome schools opera.

In the future

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

We hope to be able to extend the hours of our highly skilled member of staff who currently teaches music for the majority of our pupils so that Year 2 also get to experience and enjoy her musical ability.

As Year 4 pupils receive Violin lessons we are keen to offer something similar to KS1 pupils such as recorder or ukelele lessons. This will require upskilling of staff members to teach such instruments and if ukelele's are chosen then there will be a purchasing factor to consider.

Further information (optional)

We welcome pupils to share their musical abilities and skills from outside of school and enjoy celebrating these within whole school assemblies across the year.