



Look and learn beyond the classroom | Have high aspirations and fulfil our potential
Care, share and belong | Lead, teach and learn with passion

“Music is a magic like no other, which can do incredible, unexplainable things.” *The Christmasaurus* by Tom Fletcher

Intent

Leavening Community Primary School recognises the value of Music. We fully adhere to the aims of the national curriculum for music to ensure that all children:

- Perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a wide range of historical periods, genres and traditions, exploring the works of great composers and musicians.
- Learn to sing and use their voices.
- Create and compose their own music individually and with others.
- Have the opportunity to learn and perform on musical instruments and use music technology.
- Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated through the elements of music and a variety of musical notations.

What Music looks like at Leavening

Implementation

Music is taught at Leavening Community Primary School as an area of learning in its own right as well as integrated where possible with other curriculum areas. It is taught by a specialist music teacher in a regular weekly lesson in addition to a weekly singing assembly. Children also use music to support their learning in other subjects such as French, for example. We teach lessons so that children:

- Develop confidence, communication, thinking and creative skills and improve their emotional well-being alongside improving memory and coordination.
- Have a strong sense of achievement in music lessons developing self-esteem.
- Have the opportunity to participate in Music at their own level of development
- Have the opportunity to develop desirable personal qualities such as perseverance, self-discipline, cooperation, creativity, self-motivation and independence.
- Are able to work independently and as part of a team
- Acquire and develop the musical skills involved in performing, composing, listening and appraising.
- Gain an awareness and understanding of traditions, idioms and musical styles from a variety of cultures, times and places.
- Develop skills which contribute to learning across the curriculum.
- Are inspired to develop a love of music discovering that it is enjoyable and relaxing which helps to reduce stress.

How we entwine Music with our Leavening school values underpinning our purpose of 'Together We Can'

Care, share and belong

Children learn to work together to create musical compositions and performances. Children are encouraged to respect each other's ideas and opinions. Our children happily share equipment and are incredibly supportive of each other in musical performances. Music is collaborative and instils a sense of belonging.

Children have the opportunity to perform in concerts as a school and with other schools. Our children perform annually at community events and we regularly participate in the Young Voices concerts at Sheffield Motorpoint Arena. Opportunities are also created to attend live musical performances including theatre trips. Visiting musicians also share their expertise and experiences with our children.

Look and learn beyond the classroom

Have high aspirations and fulfil our potential

Children are encouraged to work to the best of their ability, understanding that everyone is unique with individual talents. Children are able to experience a sense of achievement and pride sharing their work with others through composition, performance, listening and appraising.

Learn with passion

Childrens' engagement in music leads to a love of learning and they aspire to develop their musical skills further. Led by an inspirational specialist music teacher who enthuses the children with her passion for the subject.

How we know our Music curriculum is successful

Impact

Music is an essential part of life, integral in the development of the whole person. At Leavening, where the children have access to a wide range of musical experiences, we believe that the children develop an enormous range of important life skills. Music also develops an understanding of society, cultures and history enabling our children to appreciate and integrate with all peoples now and in their future lives. A high-quality music curriculum inspires all children to adopt an understanding and love of music which they can carry with them for the rest of their lives whether they choose to simply enjoy a wide range of music listening, attend concerts or even play an instrument or join a choir.