

# Music development plan summary: Metheringham Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Lincolnshire Music Service

At Metheringham Primary School, we provide a rich experience of music and endeavour to continue to build upon and improve the musicality of our children. Lessons are delivered regularly as part of a split curriculum and children sing everyday as part of assemblies and musical activities throughout the day as learning breaks. Singing assemblies take place weekly, private guitar lessons take place in addition to whole class instrument tuition delivered by music specialists, termly performances and involvement with national celebrations of music, such as Young Voices.

## Curriculum music

Our school curriculum is informed by the model music curriculum and provides a broad experience of music to all children and offers a repertoire of listening experiences to better appreciate, understand and enjoy music. We follow a scheme of charanga to ensure that all children have the opportunity to build on prior learning and make progress.

As part of the Charanga music scheme children receive high quality teaching with clearly sequenced units on a spiral approach to understanding music. The principle is that it is fun and engaging for all. Children are exposed to the musical elements, gain knowledge and skills and are given the opportunities to read and play music. Children have access to whole class sets of percussion sticks, glockenspiels and recorders.

As part of our curriculum and at no extra cost to parents, the children at Metheringham also have the opportunity to learn to play instruments through whole class ensemble sessions delivered by the Lincolnshire Music Service. In Key Stage One, all children are offered a 6 week

Infant Music Programme and in Key Stage 2, children are offered a 13 week programme to play percussion in Year 3 and a 13 week programme to learn a string instrument in Year 5.

Cross-curricular links are made with music as part of the computing curriculum where children use digital apps such as Chrome Music Lab and Apple Garage Band to create and produce music.

As part of the P.E curriculum, children follow Drumba, which teaches the fundamental rudiments of drumming, allow all children to play together and keep rhythm.

## Extra-curricular music

Outside of lesson time, private guitar tuition and tuition for brass instruments are offered to children during the school day for those who express an interest.

All children take part in a weekly singing assembly, where they listen to and learn to sing a repertoire of songs. Children in EYFS and Key Stage One sing together and children in Key Stage Two have a separate assemblies with more challenging songs and a broader experience of pop and rock music. All singing assemblies feature vocal warm ups, listening and responding activities and children learn to perform the songs which are practised daily in other assemblies throughout the week.

All children in Key Stage 1 and 2 are offered the opportunity to be a part of a choir at no cost to parents. These choirs meet weekly during lunchtime or after school and sing together. The choirs regularly perform for the rest of the school and also visit the community to sing in retirement homes or in church.

## Musical experiences

In addition to our school choirs, the staff and children at Metheringham Primary School enjoys its involvement with the national platform, Young Voices which celebrates singing and offers children lasting memories of singing as part of a choir with hundred of voices.

Every term, the children at Metheringham put on a number of school performances which feature acting, singing and dancing. End of term plays always celebrate singing. Harvest assemblies, Christmas carol concerts, Easter performances and our summer garden party always involve a performance of singing to the rest of the school, parents, carers and wider members of our school community.

## In the future

We are excited to continue to develop the musicality of the children at Metheringham Primary School. We hope to offer children further opportunities to explore a range of musical instruments and compose their own music with instruments beyond the recorder and glockenspiel, as currently offered.