Music development plan summary: Bligh Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
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Name of the school music lead	Mitchell Elliott
Name of local music hub	Medway Music Association and Kent Music Hub

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

Bligh Primary School follows the Sing up Music Curriculum. Sing Up aims for every child to have access to high-quality, practical, and engaging musical experiences that develop the self-confidence, skills, knowledge, and understanding to develop a lifelong love of music, whilst also providing a secure foundation that enables them to take music further should they wish to.

Sing Up Music is designed and written by subject specialists. It sets out the skills, knowledge, and understanding to be gained by all pupils at each stage of learning. Together, the 80+ units (for Year 1 to Year 6) represent a complete and progressive library of resources that meets the requirements of the National Curriculum for Music and the suggested approaches of the Model Music Curriculum. Sing Up's curriculum draws on a broad range of musical traditions, using authentic songs and materials.

The lengths of lessons in Sing Up Music units are as follows:

- 40 minutes per lesson for KS1.
- 45 minutes per lesson for KS2.

In addition to these lessons, children in KS1 and EYFS sing songs across the curriculum. In KS2, pupils have a weekly 30-minute singing assembly and some pupils in KS2, who

are recognised as pupil premium, receive a 30-minute keyboard lesson provided by Dynamics Music.

Music is an inclusive subject, and all children are encouraged to participate and be creative regardless of any SEND needs.

Supporting documents

Curriculum Overview	An overview of the curriculum objectives children will cover in each unit and what resources and materials will be used.
Progression of Skills	A progression of the disciplinary skills children will develop in each term.

Part B: Co-curricular music

Co-curricular music provides pupils the opportunity 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.

Bligh offers a KS1 and KS2 choir to all pupils. In choir rehearsals, children develop their musicianship and singing in a fun, friendly environment. Children learn a range of songs, singing warmups and games and are given opportunities to perform throughout the year.

KS1 rehearse on a Friday morning before school, and the KS2 choir rehearse on a Monday and Friday morning before school.

Bligh also offers pupils a KS2 recorder club and a KS2 ukulele club. These groups will develop their musicianship throughout the year and work on playing as an ensemble.

For pupils who wish to learn an instrument, Dynamics Music can offer 1:1 instrument lessons during curriculum time. This is paid for by parents and carers.

Part C: Musical experiences



The KS2 choir work towards Four main performances throughout the year. The first event is our Christmas event, where the children perform a range of festive songs at the local church. The second event is the Young Voices Concert at the O2. In Term 4, our children participate in the Dynamics music Festival and in the summer term, the choir puts on its own concert for friends and family.

The KS1 choir will perform in the end of year concert along with the KS2 choir, as well as putting on their own mini performances to friends and family throughout the year.

Each year, our year 6 pupils put on a musical for parents at the end of the academic year. Recent productions include Mary Poppins, Shrek, Matilda and Oliver – we can't wait to see what the year 6 team choose to perform this year!



Bligh Primary School covers the costs for pupils for all the performances mentioned above. Parents and carers are asked to pay for travel, tickets for audience members and any outfits or costumes that are required.

Finally, to inspire our pupils, those who attend the KS2 choir and our dance groups are invited to attend at least one West End show at a reduced price. Last year we watched the Lion King. In the next academic year, we plan to see Hercules.

In the future

In the coming academic year, Bligh intends to continue to work closely with the staff delivering the music curriculum and support them in their musical knowledge and pedagogy. This will be achieved through targeted professional development: observation, feedback, support and training from subject specialists and personal reflection using Iris. Additionally, to support the curriculum, Bligh intends to invest in more musical instruments.

Bligh intends to build upon the co-curricular success of the previous academic year to give more pupils opportunities to perform in venues such as the O2 Arena. We plan to build upon links we have made with our local secondary school so we can benefit from

their performance venues and will continue to engage in our music hubs and participate in the performance opportunities they offer. Bligh will organise a concert in the summer term and aim to have a greater level of participation than we did last year.

As mentioned in section C, Bligh intend to organise more theatre trips. This year we plan to watch Hercules. Additionally, we would like to provide more musical workshops for all pupils to engage in wider musical experiences.