

Neston Primary School Music development plan summary:

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
Date this summary was published	November 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs O'Hara
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Edsential – Helen Chetwood
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Lea - peripatetic tuition piano, woodwind and brass.• MYGUK – Mr Jolliffe – peripatetic ukelele, guitar and vocal tuition.• Mrs Alleyne – Edsential whole class clarinet tuition• Paul Hardcastle – Samba Club

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.

At Neston Primary it is our intent to engage and inspire pupils to develop a love of music. We value music as a subject that can provide children with the chance to be creative, express themselves and develop self-confidence. Through our music curriculum we provide opportunities for all pupils to immerse themselves in the world of music and above all – have fun!

In our school, Music is embedded in the classroom activities as well as singing assemblies, visiting performers, participation in concerts and performances. It is central to daily routines and learning in EYFS through nursery rhymes and songs to establish new learning and routines. Children enjoy music and are supported to build a repertoire of songs.

Through our music scheme Kapow, which is linked to the Model Music Curriculum (2021), children from foundation stage to Year 6 all pupils perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians. Weekly Kapow lessons provide opportunities for active listening, performing and composing, as well as providing key learning about songs, artists and musical styles. All staff have had training to deliver the curriculum including the opportunity to observe exemplar lessons.

All pupils develop their understanding of how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.

We encourage an inclusive learning environment and ensure all pupils, including those most vulnerable and those who are disadvantaged, have the opportunity to access the full and broad curriculum through carefully planned support and scaffolding, as required.

Children learn to play glockenspiels, recorders and clarinets through KS1 and KS2 and further develop their composing skills using music technology. Our aim is to increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement. They have the opportunity to perform for different purposes and a variety of audiences.

Throughout the curriculum, music links are planned in order to enhance the learning, for example, the children enjoy singing the times tables to current pop songs and have fun singing rock songs about grammar and punctuation. The singing continues

during whole school song practice (20 minutes several times a term) led by our music specialist who incorporates all aspects of the music curriculum into the session and builds upon the learning that has taken place in the classroom. Assemblies, Christmas carol services, nativities and school productions are further opportunities for the children to perform and enjoy making music.

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.

- Neston Primary offers the children from Year 2 – 6, the opportunity to pay for music tuition outside lessons. There are brass, woodwind, violin, cello and piano lessons available with Mrs Lea (who has been teaching at NPS for 30 years). The children have the opportunity to take Trinity College London graded exams each year.
- Mrs Lea has a range of instruments on offer to hire including roll-up pianos and plastic starter brass instruments. She also runs a piano club at lunchtime which is free to all pupils.
- Mr Jolliffe and Mr H. from MYGUK offer guitar, ukelele and singing lessons.
- The school has a number of instruments that the children can loan and these are offered at no cost to pupil premium pupils.
- Mr Hardcastle will be offering a free samba band ensemble club after school during the Spring and Summer terms.
- Choir is non-auditioning and is open to juniors in the Autumn term and then open to pupils in Years 1-6 in the Spring and Summer terms. The children work towards performing to the school, in the local area at Christmas and at the school annual music concert in the Summer term. This is a free club run by Mrs O'Hara.
- The School Rotakids club sing to the residents at the local care home at Christmas. This is a free club run by Mrs Musket.
- Year 5 pupils have the opportunity to work alongside the music and dance teachers from Neston High School, to take part in their production 'Legally Blonde' which will be performed on the professional stage at the 'Floral Pavilion' in January 2025.

- Edsential provide clarinet tuition for Years 3 and 4 with Mrs Alleyne for one term. This will be during the Spring/ Summer term and has been a successful part of our curriculum for the past three years. The loan of the instruments and the tuition is free.

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 each term, song practices are led by Mrs O'Hara the school music lead.
- Children who access individual paid lessons are given the opportunity to perform in an assembly.
- Year 5 – 6 will be listening to a live concert via zoom Edward Robinson (Baritone) and Rachel Fright (Piano) on 9th December 2024 from 2.00-2.45pm. This is part of the Live Music Now's concerts for schools which Edsential Musical Routes has subscribed to so that it is free of charge.
- Years 4 and 5 attend an annual schools concert at the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Hall.
- KS1 and KS2 Christmas performances take place in the school and the local church for parents and carers.
- Annual Neston Primary Music Concert. This gives the children who learn an instrument in school and at home, the opportunity to perform to the whole school during the day and to the parents and friends of the school in the evening.

In the future

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

In addition to maintaining the high-quality provision we currently offer, Neston Primary School is planning to:

- Exploit opportunities for children to incorporate some elements of writing into lessons in order to further develop their understanding of musical vocabulary.
- Ensure new staff are fully trained in the delivery of the Model Music Curriculum.
- Display music vocabulary during lessons so children can visualise the new and recurring vocabulary banks.
- Plan visits from professional musicians, workshops, and trips to concerts or music venues to enrich pupils' musical experiences.
- Keep up to date with new government requirements for new development plan.

Further information (optional)

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