

Subject: Music

The 3 I's - Our Vision for Our Subject

Intent:

The National Curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Perform, listen to, review and evaluate music;
- Be taught to sing, create and compose music;
- Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated.

At Athersley South the intention is that children gain a firm understanding of what music is through listening, singing, playing, evaluating, analysing, and composing across a wide variety of historical periods, styles, traditions, and musical genres. Our objective is to develop a curiosity for the subject, as well as an understanding and acceptance of the validity and importance of all types of music, how people express themselves through music and an unbiased respect for the role that music plays in any person's life. We are committed to ensuring children understand the value and importance of music in the wider community, and are able to use their musical skills, knowledge, and experiences to involve themselves in music, in a variety of different contexts.

Implementation:

The music curriculum ensures students sing, listen, play, perform and evaluate. This is embedded in the classroom activities as well as yearly workshops, various concerts and performances and in the learning of instruments which every child is given the opportunity to do.

The elements of music are taught in the classroom lessons so that children are able to use some of the language of music to dissect it, and understand how it is made, played, appreciated and analysed. In the classroom students learn how to play an instrument from the percussion family. Lessons in other instruments are offered through the provision of expert teachers and these are subsidised by the school to ensure that every child has the opportunity to spend two years learning an instrument. In doing so the children are taught to understand the different principles of each method of creating notes, as well as how to read basic music notation.

They also learn how to compose focussing on different dimensions of music, which in turn feeds their understanding when listening, playing, or analysing music. Composing or performing using vocal sounds is also part of the curriculum, which develops the understanding of musical elements without the added complexity of an instrument.

Impact:

Whilst in school, children have access to a varied programme, which allows students to discover areas of strength, as well as areas they might like to improve upon. The integral nature of music and the learner creates an enormously rich palette from which a student may access fundamental abilities such as: achievement, self-confidence, interaction with and awareness of others, and self-reflection. Music will also develop an understanding of culture and history, both in relation to students individually, as well as ethnicities from across the world. Children are able to enjoy music, in as many ways as they choose- either as listener, creator or performer. They can dissect music and comprehend its parts. They can sing and feel a pulse. They have an understanding of how to further develop skills less known to them, should they ever develop an interest in their lives.