

# Foxmoor Primary School



## Music Development Plan Summary:

### Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	<b>2024-25</b>
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Name of the school music lead	<b>Amy Pearce</b>
Name of local music hub	<b>Gloucestershire Music Hub</b>
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	<b>Music Mark Music Works, Gloucester</b>

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.

### Curriculum music

#### **Music at Foxmoor Primary School**

All pupils at **Foxmoor Primary School** participate in music lessons from Reception to Year 6 in a fun and engaging environment under the guidance of a specialist music teacher enhanced by '**SingUp**' a scheme of work which is informed by the **Model Music Curriculum**.

Throughout the school year, every class has the opportunity to work collectively and individually in **singing, listening, composing** and **performing**, these being key features of music in our school. There are many Instrumental opportunities too that focus on our pupils musicianship, including keeping a beat, rhythm and recognising other musical features such as pitch, dynamics and tempo.

Each pupil is encouraged to **sing**, firstly during a weekly hour-long class music lesson and also through 'whole key stage' singing practice (Singing Assembly). They learn to sing in unison, rounds and with simple harmonisation in a range of styles with upbeat songs and actions with thought provoking lyrics.

All pupils across both key stages, experience playing musical instruments; a range of tuned and un-tuned percussion instruments such as the glockenspiel, recorder, drums and shakers.

All pupils perform at least once a year to parents and the public, showcasing a high standard of musical ability.

Whole class tuition comes in the form of recorders in Year 2, boomwhackers in Year 5 and iPad Garage Band in Year 6. Over a period of a term the pupils learn the basics of how to hold, and play simple rhythms and to follow written notation. New music technology found in Garage Band prepares them for their Secondary School Musical journey.

The scheme of work '**SingUp**' is chosen to enhance the children's knowledge in notation, composition and listening. It also highlights significant music genres and how the history of music has shaped what we know and love about the subject nowadays.

## Co-curricular music

The pupils at Foxmoor have the opportunity of learning **strings, woodwind, brass, guitar and drums** with a peripatetic instrumental teacher. Pupils taking instrumental lessons benefit from participating in the brass band, orchestra or instrumental club. We have a feed into our local community brass band and we work well with the local Music Hub who lend out instruments and share details of other musical events our school can get involved with.

We have a regular choir to attend and an organised biannual trip to Young Voices to allow children to perform and sing amongst many other school children in an exciting and engaging way. The school band practice every Tuesday and Thursday and we put on a fantastic musical extravaganza in the form of a Musical Soiree in the Summer Term. Here, the children who sing or play an instrument in or out of school get the opportunity to perform on stage in front of parents and friends.

We encourage our children to attend and participate in local musical events and advertise for this via our school newsletter, one of these events being 'Bandit' a local run holiday opportunity for budding 'rock band' members to participate in.

Brass and drum tuition are both arranged through school. If your child is interested in playing brass or drums there is a **termly fee** involved for the lessons and it is **£95 per term**, through schoolmoney. There is an average of 10 lessons per term (30 throughout the year). There may be a **cost for hiring** instrument. This is organised through Colwell Music Centre

Woodwind tuition, such as flute and clarinet, violin and guitar lessons are run through Gloucestershire Music and additional peripatetic teachers are provided through this service. To sign up to their music lessons visit <https://gloucestershiremusic.paritor.com>

2023-24 Prices:

Group Tuition 3 – 5 pupils 30m.....	£63.35
Paired Lesson 30m.....	£94.25
Individual Tuition 20m.....	£125.15
Individual Tuition 30m .....	£186.95

Lessons are priced based on 10 lessons a term

## Musical experiences

At Foxmoor over the academic year, our pupils have the opportunity to be involved in:

- Band
- Orchestra
- Ensembles
- Choir
- Harvest festival (Year 3 & 4 led – Autumn Term)
- Nativity
- Carol Service
- Young Voices
- Musical Soiree
- End of Term performance (Rec, KS1 & 2 led – Christmas. Year 5 & 6 led – Summer Term)
- Assembly performances (Year groups and groups such as eco-warriors, sports...)
- Children in need day (talent show)
- Bollywood
- Artists in Residence (Music Works, Gloucester)

## In the future

At Foxmoor, we strive to keep music a popular, exciting and inspiring subject and do our best to continue to evolve and try new things. We do want to have better links with our local Secondary Schools so that our pupils can watch and engage in additional live performances and thrive with further opportunities that may arise in this area. We also want to keep music modern and accessible to our pupils and be able to fund new music initiatives in the form of music technology and still inviting artists in to perform and share their musical journeys and stories.

## Further information

Our local [music hub](https://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk/) can be found at <https://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk/>

At Foxmoor we have strong links with <https://themusicworks.org.uk/> their mission is to transform young lives through music. They are specialists in working with young people in challenging circumstances to help them reach their full potential in music, in learning and in life.

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.