

# Music development plan summary: Rosebrook Primary School



## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Saira Akhter
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Tees Valley Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Charanga

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.

The Charanga music programme aligns closely with the requirements of the National Curriculum for music. It provides a well-structured and sequenced approach to developing pupils' musical skills and knowledge across the key areas of performing, composing, and listening. The programme ensures that pupils make progress in their technical, constructive, and expressive musical abilities, which are essential for a well-rounded music education.

The Charanga programme is particularly suitable for the pupils at Rosebrook Primary School, as it is designed to be accessible and engaging for pupils of all abilities. Given the high proportion of pupils with SEND and those from disadvantaged backgrounds, the scaffolding and differentiation built into the Charanga resources helps to remove barriers to learning and ensure that all pupils can access and succeed in the music curriculum.

Furthermore, the Charanga programme is aspirational in its approach, challenging pupils to develop their musical skills and knowledge over time. The progressive nature of the curriculum, with clear progression in the technical, constructive, and expressive aspects of music, will enable our pupils to achieve high standards and develop a deep appreciation and understanding of music.

The music curriculum is taught weekly at Rosebrook Primary School in all phases of school.

In addition to Charanga, all pupils at Rosebrook Primary School have opportunities to experience a wide range of music through our new 'Music of the Week' initiative. Music is a key part of our school culture; it is played from the moment you step through the entrance doors. At Rosebrook, we believe music is a universal language that embodies one of the utmost forms of creativity.

Each half term, we focus on a particular genre of music and listen to a variety of pieces, focusing on one selected piece of music over the course of a given week. We listen to these tracks in assemblies and in class. We encourage the pupils to listen and think about how the music makes them feel. Additionally, this offers further opportunities to articulate their ideas using some of the key musical vocabulary. Our discussions look at where in the world it was made and when in our history was it created. Over time, the pupils are beginning to recognise characteristics of different musical genres.

## **Part B: Extra-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.

At Rosebrook Primary School, we believe that music is a fundamental part of a pupil's education. Through our music curriculum, we aim to instil a lifelong appreciation and understanding of music in our pupils. We want our pupils to develop the technical skills to perform and compose music, the constructive knowledge to understand the elements of music, and the expressive abilities to interpret and communicate musical meaning.

Throughout the year pupils are given the opportunity to attend a school choir and ukelele lessons led by teachers within school.

Singing is at the heart of Rosebrook Primary School. As part of this, we have a vibrant and growing school choir, drawn from pupils across Key Stage 2. Our choir meets every Tuesday after school, providing pupils with a wonderful opportunity to develop their vocal skills and enjoy making music together. We feel that offering opportunities

for our pupils to perform in front of others is an essential element. Our choirs have a long tradition of interacting with parents and the wider community over the years.

Each year, the choir performs as part of the Lord Mayor's Carol Service in Stockton on Tees. Additionally, they visit two of local residential care homes to perform Christmas songs for the staff and residents.

Pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 have opportunities to learn to play a ukulele as part of our after-school extra-curricular offer. The sessions are free to pupils and offer an introduction to the ukulele; they help the pupils to develop an understanding of its parts, how to hold the instrument and how to play chords within simple and familiar song arrangements.

Singing and music is an integral part of our pupils' playtime opportunities. The pupils enjoy performing on stage and singing to music from the speakers.

## 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.

### Musical experiences for 2024 - 2025

#### Autumn Term

##### **Weekly**

Our pupils learn and sing a range of songs from the 'Out of the Ark' singing programme. They practise and perform these songs in both key stage and whole school assemblies.

##### **Christmas:**

In Nursery, our pupils sing Christmas songs, which are recorded for parents to enjoy.

In Reception, the pupils practise and perform a Nativity to parents in the main hall.

Key Stage One pupils learn and then perform Christmas songs in front of parents in our main hall.

Key Stage two pupils sing to the public at the local shopping centre.

The school choir perform as part of the Lord Mayor's Carol Service at Stockton Parish Church.

The school choir visit two local residential care homes to perform in front of staff and residents.

## **Spring Term**

### **Weekly**

Our pupils continue to learn and sing a range of songs from the 'Out of the Ark' singing programme. They practise and perform these songs in both key stage and whole school assemblies. Songs are selected to be practised and performed at the school's Easter celebration.

### **Easter**

The whole school attends an Easter service of singing and celebration at the Catholic Church of The English Martyrs And Saints Peter And Paul.

## **Summer Term**

### **Weekly**

Our pupils continue to learn and sing a range of songs from the 'Out of the Ark' singing programme. They practise and perform these songs in both key stage and whole school assemblies. Songs are selected to be practised and performed at the school's Easter celebration.

### **End of Year Whole School Celebration**

Pupils from Reception to Year 6 attend an end of year awards celebration at the Catholic Church of The English Martyrs And Saints Peter And Paul. During this event, pupils sing a variety of songs which have been practised in school throughout the year. As part of this celebration, our school choir perform a special song to the whole school. The event is attended by local dignitaries, including the Lord Mayor.

### **Year 6 Leaver's Assembly**

Pupils in Year 6 share their memories and perform a selection of songs to parents to showcase their time at Rosebrook Primary School.

## **In the future**

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

### **Proposed Musical Experiences For 2025 – 2026**

To continue to offer and seek a range of musical opportunities as they arise: concerts, live performances from musicians and experiences during each term of the new academic year similar to the previous year. Additionally, a wider choir collaboration across the whole of the Ad Astra Trust schools is being discussed, to enable choirs to join together as part of a collaborative concert at a local venue.

At Rosebrook we aim to continue to strengthen and further enhance our musical enrichment by celebrating 'World Music Day'. This will provide the pupils with the opportunity to listen to live music. We will invite local musicians such as parents, present pupils, past pupils, staff and our feeder secondary schools to come and play their instrument or sing in a mini concert. The idea of 'World Music Day' is that musicians offer to play for free.