Music development plan summary:
Brunel Field Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
Date this summary was published	25.06.25
Date this summary will be reviewed	01.10.25
Name of the school music lead	Cassia Leigh and Nic Bailey
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Bristol Beacon
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Earthsong

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 Brunel Field Primary School, children are timetabled to have music lessons averaging one hour per week across the school year. These lessons meet and supplement the aims of the national curriculum by developing musicianship through singing, listening, composing and performing. As a music mark school, we have access to resources and CPD to continue to improve music provision across the school.

Music practitioners from the Earthsong project and Bristol Beacon also work alongside teachers to deliver singing, composition and musical instrument lessons from years 2 to 6. This is a 5-year musical educational programme which covers a broad range of national curriculum objectives. This provides children with high-quality instruction from expert musicians as well as giving staff an opportunity to learn and enhance their own teaching of music. Early Years and Year 1 also follow a music scheme set up by Bristol Beacon for KS1.

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.

Outside of music taught during lesson time, children have access to individual instrument lessons from peripatetic teachers that take place during the school day. These include:

- Guitar
- Cello
- Violin
- Piano
- Brass

In years 4 to 6, children also have access to small group brass ensemble lessons run by Bristol Beacon.

Individual and group instrument lessons run by Bristol Beacon provide the option for children to hire instruments directly from Bristol Beacon. Any child in receipt of Pupil Premium, an EHCP or is a LAC will qualify for free instrument hire.

There are also opportunities for children to join a KS1 or KS2 choir club. Both choirs also have additional opportunities for additional performances outside of school.

The school also hosts external clubs include a lunch time string group and folk stars, which provide a space for children to learn to play as an ensemble. Folk stars is open to children from years 2 to 6. A studio space, large hall with stage lighting and smaller practice rooms all provide a range of spaces for the provision of music teaching and performing across the school.

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.

Alongside lessons in class, both KS1 and KS2 have 30 minutes of singing together every week. We believe this is important for children's wellbeing and sense of community, as well as for their development as musicians. For children seeking additional musical commitments, we provide both a KS1 lunchtime choir as well as a KS2 choir which is run as an after-school club. Choirs, bands and clubs from external providers such as folk stars often have opportunities to perform in assemblies and events such as the Spring Feyre.

Music is a prominent part of our term 4 MADD share (music, art, dance and drama). This is where each class creates a performance to share with the rest of the school to celebrate our core learning skill for term 4 (which is Creativity).

In Term 6, all children take part in the 'Summer Sing', and event where Brunel Field Primary school comes together with Ashely Down Primary School to perform together as a federation to parents and carers across both schools.

There are also additional opportunities for performing in every year group:

Reception: Nativity

Year 1: Dance performance

Year 2: Term 6 play and Earthsong performance

Year 3: Term 3 play and Earthsong performance

Year 4: Winter play and Earthsong performance

Year 5: Term 5 play, Samba drumming performance and Earthsong performance

Year 6: Christmas play, Earthsong performance and End of year performance

As well as performing themselves, children also have the opportunity to listen to live performances throughout the year. For example, choirs and ensembles performing to their peers or teachers playing instruments to the children.

These opportunities are open to all pupils, with no additional charges.

In addition to the Earthsong project and peripatetic music tuition, our membership to Bristol Beacon also provides ad hoc opportunities for performance, CPD and musical experiences.

In the future

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

In subsequent years, we would like to:

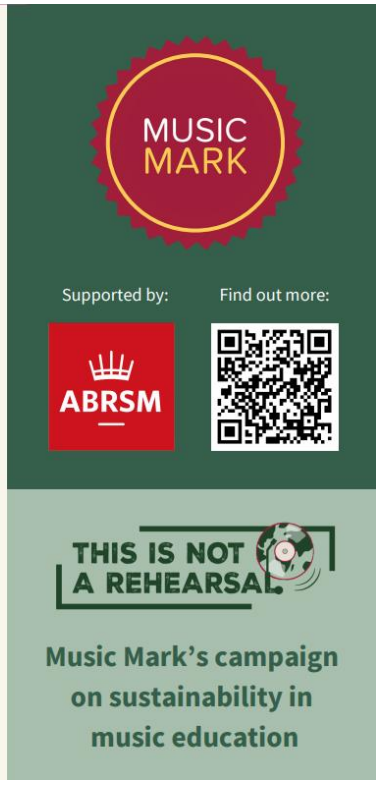
- Adopt the full Bristol beacon curriculum across the school
- Create instrument groups (e.g. an orchestra, string group or band) for children as part of an after school or lunch time club.
- Find opportunities for these ensembles to perform in the wider community.

Further information (optional)

For more information about Bristol Beacon's work in schools:

https://bristolbeacon.org/music-in-schools/

For more information about the Earthsong programme:

https://bristolbeacon.org/music-in-schools/earthsong-programme/

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