Music development plan summary: Killigrew Primary and Nursery School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26
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Name of the school music lead	Meg Heffernan
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Hertfordshire Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Dragon of the North

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 Killigrew Primary School and Nursery, we aim for all our pupils to develop a life-long love of music in an environment in which they are engaged, supported and inspired. Through an ambitious curriculum for all children, they will become confident performers, listeners and composers, building their creativity, collaboration and communication skills. Music enrichment opportunities will support children's mental health and give them opportunities to express themselves.

Our school curriculum for music for each year group can be found here: https://killigrew.herts.sch.uk/our-curriculum/subject-rationales/

Our curriculum is based on four key strands linked to the National Curriculum objectives: listening, composing, performing and the history of music. These themes

complement the curriculum taught by our specialist music teacher from Dragon of the North Creative Arts Company.

As part of their music curriculum, children in Year 4 are supported by the Hertfordshire Music Service with the First Access Project during the summer term. The children are provided with instruments and are encouraged to take the instruments home.

Across EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, the children are taught at least 30 minutes of music per week. In addition to this, children from Year 1 to Year 6 have a weekly music assembly, headed by our external music provider, Dragon of the North.

Our school liaises with our local music hub to continually develop our music provision and ensure that we are offering a range of opportunities.

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.

From Year 3, children can begin music tuition outside of their lesson time. This service is provided through our local music hub, Hertfordshire Music Service. A range of instruments are available, including voice, piano, electric keyboard, flute, saxophone, recorder, bass guitar, electric guitar, acoustic guitar and baritone. These lessons are available as one-to-one sessions or in small groups (up to three children). If children wish to learn an instrument, parents and carers can express their interest online through the Hertfordshire Music Service website. We can support children who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding to access music tuition.

Children in Key Stage 2 can join the school choir and the school band. These ensembles meet once a week during lunchtime. In both ensembles, children learn current and classic songs and practise the technical aspects of music. The school choir is run by the music subject lead and a music specialist from Dragon of the North runs the school band. If children wish to join either ensemble, their interest can be expressed via Arbor. Priority is given to our pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium, and these places can be funded by the school.

Our school offers access to Rocksteady Band Lessons, a progressive in-school music programme that gives pupils the opportunity to learn instruments and perform as part of a band. Through weekly lessons led by specialist Rocksteady musicians, children can learn guitar, bass, keyboard, drums or vocals while developing essential musical skills such as rhythm, listening, ensemble performance and musicianship. The programme is designed to be inclusive and accessible to all pupils, regardless of prior experience, and culminates in regular live performances that help build confidence, teamwork, resilience and a sense of achievement. Rocksteady provides an engaging

pathway for pupils to participate in practical music-making and supports our wider commitment to developing musical talent and enjoyment across the school. Children can be signed up via the rocksteady website. – subject to slots available.

Outside of school, children can take advantage of a plethora of ensembles available through St Albans Music School. These cater to a range of abilities and interests. We work closely with Hertfordshire Music Service to ensure we can offer the best possible music opportunities for our children.

Children from Years 1 to 6 can join the Musical Theatre after school club, which is run by Performing Herts. The club provides lessons in singing, dancing, and acting. Children can be signed up via Arbor.

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.

At Killigrew School, we have a weekly music assembly for children in Year 2 to Year 6. During this assembly, the school band lead the children in the practice and performance of the songs.

Throughout the year, our school takes part in musical performances with other schools in St Albans. These include the St Albans Schools' Carol Service at St Albans Cathedral and SAPSMA at the Alban Arena. These opportunities are open to children in Key Stage 2. If children wish to be part of these performances, their parents can sign them up via Arbor.

Our pupils can also showcase their learning throughout the year through performances to the school, as well as parents and carers. Children who are taught by our music specialist, perform once a term, along with the school band. At the end of the summer term, once the First Access Project draws to a close, children in Year 4 perform their learned piece of music to parents, carers and children in KS2.

As a school, we are keen to celebrate the musical talents of our children and in turn, inspire others. For World Music Day, children across Year 2 to Year 6 are invited to share their talents during a whole school assembly.

Depending on suitability and availability, some children take part in free, standalone sessions with the Hertfordshire Music Service to enhance their musical experience, e.g. djembe drum workshops.

In the future

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

From September 2026, Killigrew School will continue to work with our local music hub to ensure that we continue to offer a range of peripatetic teachers and musical experiences, as well as CPD for our staff.