



Meare Village Primary School
'Four walls that hold tomorrow'



OVERVIEW OF MUSIC

Why this subject is important in our school:

We recognise the important role music has to the well-being of everyone in society. Our aim at Meare is to provide a high quality music education that engages and inspires pupils, gives them a sense of achievement, and improves their confidence.

We believe that music not just a tool to enhance other areas of the curriculum, but an extremely worthwhile discipline in its own right.

All our teachers and teaching assistants contribute to the rich musical life of the school, actively participating in singing sessions and supporting children with their work.

We wish to help our children discover music that moves them – music that they will continue to take joy from throughout their lives.

How this subject is organised in our school:

Meare is very proud of its strong musical tradition.

We have weekly singing assemblies led by our music specialist teacher in which children learn a broad range of songs from different traditions, cultures and time periods. Singing is at the heart of our Easter and Christmas celebrations, and Remembrance services. Our school productions and singing showcases give children the opportunity to perform in front of their peers and parents. A variety of fiction and non-fiction texts are also being used to enrich children's experiences and learning in this subject.

The wider music curriculum is also taught by our specialist music teacher in weekly sessions across all classes. Composition is at the heart of these sessions. As well as composing music on physical instruments (tuned and un-tuned), children compose music using Chromebooks and laptops, using apps such as Chrome Music Lab, Onlinesequencer, and Tonematrix. These tools give children the opportunity to share, collaborate, and improve on their work.

All KS2 children learn to perform from notation using glockenspiels, xylophones, keyboards, and their voices.

Our music skills progression document ensures all areas of the National Curriculum are covered and opportunities for cross-curricular learning are explored.

In both KS1 and KS2, our children learn ceilidh dancing, which improves their rhythm, co-ordination and social confidence.

Peripatetic guitar lessons are also available to all pupils.



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How we measure impact:

- ☑ Photo and video evidence of the pupils' practical learning (performing and composing), and an electronic bank of children's computer composition work.
- Recordings of children singing (including a full-length CD album produced by our specialist music teacher).
- Recordings of school productions.
- Ensuring our children are confident when discussing music, and are able to identify their own strengths and areas for development.