

Intent:

At Blackwell Primary School, children gain a solid understanding of what music is through listening, singing, playing, appraising, analysing, and composing across a wide variety of historical periods, styles, traditions, and musical genres. We aim to develop a curiosity for the music, as well as an understanding and acceptance of the validity and importance of all types of music. Children at Blackwell are respectful in understanding the importance of valuing other's opinions and feelings towards a piece of music or style of music. We aim to provide children with the opportunity to progress to the next level of their creative excellence.

Implementation:

The music curriculum enables children to sing, listen, play, perform and evaluate. This is embedded in the classroom activities as well as the daily assemblies and performances and the learning of instruments.

With the use of Charanga Music, teachers can produce inclusive lessons for all children to access the musical curriculum in a fun and engaging way, promoting an interest in music and exposing children to a range of styles and musical genres. Teachers use Chranga to deliver music that has been planned to meet the needs of children as they progress through their primary education. Lessons provide children with the chance to perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians

In lessons children learn children learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, they have the opportunity play musical instruments, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence. They also learn to understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.

Impact:

Music enables children to develop a better understanding of the world around them, learning about the history of music and the cultures in which certain types of music originate from. It also allows children to explore what they like or dislike and form their own thoughts and opinions as well as listening to and respecting the thoughts and feelings of others. It allows children to express themselves in ways that they cannot in other areas of their learning.

At Blackwell Primary School children are provided with a range of opportunities beyond the National Curriculum to support their learning and understanding and further their interests if they wish. These include having opportunities to work with musicians, visiting concerts and playing in concerts and school productions. External interests and talents are also encouraged and opportunities for children to perform their musical talents are promoted, whether that be in class or whole school assembly, ensuring that everyone is challenged regardless of previous musical experience.