



St Martin's School

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Music Intent Statement

Our vision at St Martin's is for children to feel happy and safe, and become lifelong learners, who know they can make God's world a better place.

Music is interwoven into our everyday lives. It's everywhere, all around us, and has a unique ability to draw us together, connect us to others, support our emotional wellbeing and help us to thrive and grow in countless ways. Music is for everyone.

While at St Martin's, we aim for all children to enjoy expressing themselves musically and creatively, through the four areas of learning; singing, listening to a range of genres, styles, eras and composers, composing new music using what we learn, and performing using a range of classroom instruments as well having the opportunity to learn to play some instruments in more depth.

By the end of Y6, children should have a good understanding of the key musical elements - pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure – as well as an understanding of musical notation in its different forms, in order to follow music and to record ideas. We hope this will become increasingly evident in their accurate use of musical vocabulary, as well as in their compositions and performances. We also aim for children to have the opportunity to apply musical skills through a range of ever-increasing technology to support their musical journey. Finally, we also hope that children will enjoy music, both singularly and collectively, and be able to apply the knowledge and skills learnt, to other areas of the curriculum, and to further musical opportunities in the future.

At St Martin's, we aim to link Music to our school values:

Respect - we aim for children to show respect when listening to music from a range of countries, people, ethnicities and eras, and in listening to performances, particularly when evaluating the work of their peers.

Friendship - we aim for children to work together collaboratively to compose and play music, and to understand that we all have valuable skills that we can combine to make music together.

Courage - we aim for children to have the courage to perform in front of audiences of various sizes and to be proud of their unique creative choices.

Creativity - we aim for all unique or creative musicality to be celebrated. As one of the most evidently creative curriculum areas, we hope that all children develop their own love of music, in their own way.