



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.

While at St Martin's, we intend for all children to look forward to their music lessons where they can, first and foremost, express themselves creatively in a language that is universal. Within our curriculum, children will understand that music has been a part of humanity since our distant ancestors first made rudimentary instruments from natural resources. They will learn that music isn't just musical notation and musical instruments but that composing, playing and listening to music is a way to relieve stress, to exercise, to come together, and also can be a meditative and mindful independent pastime.

While at St Martin's, it is our intention that all children 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 from around the world. This will support their understanding of the musical terminology as they learn how music is composed. As they progress, they will understand the elements of pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate the musical notations and this will be increasingly evident in their vocabulary, compositions and performances. Children will learn to sing, and will use their voices, and a range of instruments, to create and compose music on their own and with others. We aim for children to be confident using these instruments but also that they will understand how to make and enjoy their own instruments. Children will have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, and to use technology appropriately to support their learning journeys.

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

Respect - we aim for children to show respect when listening to pieces of music, and performances, particularly when evaluating the work of their peers.

Friendship - we aim for children to work together to compose and play music, and to understand that we all have valuable skills that we can combine to produce a better orchestra.

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 the playful and experimental elements of music to be celebrated, and not lost, as children progress through St Martin's. Being one of the most obviously creative subjects within the curriculum, we desire that all children enjoy composing and completing musical projects showing both excellence and enjoyment.