Music development plan summary: Harmondsworth Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025/26
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Mrs. Greta Heath
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Hillingdon Music Services
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Sing Up

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, Extra Curricular provision and musical events – 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.

To read more about the provision of Music at Harmondsworth please refer to our updated Music Curriculum Intent page on the school website.

At Harmondsworth we have reviewed the guidance from the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021) to refine and enhance our approach to the Music Curriculum. Our long term planning encompasses whole class instrumental teaching and the Sing Up curriculum scheme of work to support our teaching. Lessons are a minimum of 40 minutes and are taught by class teachers or a music specialist using the Sing Up teaching scheme. This musical learning is further supplemented by weekly whole school singing assemblies lasting 20 minutes. Children have the opportunity to play musical instruments in the EYFS outdoor and stage area. Singing is an integral and essential part of EYFS life. Songs and activities are appropriate to developing voices and carefully chosen to support early progress.

Children in Key stager 2 are also taught the recorder for a term and some classes learn an instrument as a whole-class ensemble taught by music specialists from Hillingdon Music Service as part of the Wider Opportunities programme. Each project lasts 10 weeks and culminates in a concert where children perform songs and pieces together

Part B: Extra- 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.

Our Harmondsworth after school singing club has been a vibrant part of our music programme throughout the year. It is open termly to all children from Year 2- Year 6. This club provides an opportunity to develop their vocal skills, sing solos, learn to sing in 2 parts and perform in front of live audiences. Our club has participated in Christmas activities with other Hillingdon Schools in the local shopping centre as well as supporting local village events. We have also joined with Hillingdon Schools to perform at the Beck Theatre. This gives pupils the chance to experience the thrill of performing in large venues and being part of a larger musical community.

We work very closely with the Hillingdon Music Service to ensure we can offer the best possible opportunities for our children. Following the whole class ukulele tuition, guitar lessons and opportunities to play in a band have been offered. To sign up parents may use the following link

https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/7853/Music-school-and-Ensembles-programme

If parents/carers have an enquiry regarding lessons on offer, instrumental loans, weekend, after-school or Saturday music lessons or any general information about the music service they can access this link.

https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/music

These links are available on the school website.

Part C: Musical Events

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.

In both Nursery and Reception, the children have an abundance of opportunities to listen and respond to music through singing nursery rhymes and familiar songs. They take part in regular singing sessions as well as performances for parents/carers at Christmas.

In Reception, pupils take part in weekly singing assemblies, a class assembly, performing Christmas songs, as well as joining with the whole school at the end of the |Christmas term.

All Key Stage 1 pupils take part in a weekly singing assembly, a class assembly, the Nativity play and with the whole school singing at the end of the Christmas term.

In Key Stage 2 children, take part in weekly singing assemblies, a class assembly and weekly music lessons using The Sing Up Scheme. Pupils in Years 2-6 can choose to take part in the weekly singing club where they have performed with other school choirs.

Year 3 and 4, perform a show during the spring term. Year 5 and 6, perform a show for the Summer term. In addition, classes have opportunities to perform and sing during class assemblies.

In addition, all children from Year 1 to Year 6 are given the opportunity to take part in our annual Carol Service at the local church.

In the future

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

- Previous events and Whole Class Instrumental Teaching to continue.
- Music specialist to look closely at the way we assess children to inform planning and ensure progression.
- Further develop adapted teaching and learning for SEND children.
- Record evidence of progression more regularly in books (Yr 3,4,5 and 6) as well as recording saved onto Google Drive.
- Develop more opportunities to work in partnership with Hillingdon Music Services