

Kings Road Primary School

Music development plan summary:

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 -2025
Date this summary was published	18 th November 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	1 st September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Miss E Smith
Name of local music hub	Essex Music Services
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Young Voices (KS2) City Sounds Radio Station Ignition Arts – DJ session Infant Music Festival (Chelmsford Infant Schools Music Association) Music Hub – Singing Assemblies, 1:1 music lessons (keyboard and guitar), ukelele lessons. iRock Theatre Works Charity

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, co-curricular provision and musical experiences – 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.

The Kings Road music curriculum is formed of three units per year group. These units have been carefully selected to ensure that the curriculum is in line with the National Curriculum for music from the DfE.

Music is taught every other half term on a weekly basis for a minimum of one hour. At Kings Road we use the scheme Kapow! In whole class music lessons, children are given the opportunity to sing, play instruments (such as glockenspiels, ukuleles and other percussion instruments) and learn about different genres and the history of music. Each lesson has adaptations made to support children with disabilities and SEND

which teachers can use as appropriate. Topics have also been chosen by considering cross-curricular link such as history units e.g. the Egyptians and WW2.

KS1 perform an annual nativity and also take part in the Infant Music Festival. We also have worked closely with the charity Theatre Works to provide Year 5 a trip to a West End theatre.

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.

Kings Road have a strong connection with the local Music Hub who provide 1:1 music tuition for pupils who want to learn the keyboard or guitar and give them the opportunity to share their own compositions or rehearsed pieces in assemblies or parent performances. These are taught in a private music room. They also run weekly singing assemblies for KS1 and KS2.

Piano and keyboard lessons are taught using school owned instruments and guitars can either be privately bought by parents or loaned to the children through the Essex Music Hub. Guitars can be taken home for children to practise outside of school. Children can take part in graded piano exams which are submitted to the ECC. One looked after child receives subsidised music lessons.

iRock come in weekly to run band workshops and children perform their covers or compositions once a term to parents and the whole school. iRock have one place each term for a pupil premium child to partake in a band.

A free after school choir club is run for 30 pupils in years 4, 5 and 6 where they are given the opportunity to go on a subsidised trip to the O2 for the Young Voices concert each year. This is offered on a first come first served basis.

Part C: Musical experiences

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.

Musical experiences are an important part of the Kings Road curriculum. Every Wednesday, the Music Hub run two singing assemblies – one for KS1 and another for KS2. In these assemblies, children sing a wide variety of songs including nursery

rhymes, songs linked to festivals and times of year and more modern up to date pop songs. These songs are then sung again in Friday's celebration assembly.

At Christmas, KS1 perform a nativity taken from 'Out of the Ark'. The children regularly practice the songs and come up with their own actions. Members of staff also perform a pantomime or run a whole school sing along for the children at the end of the autumn term. Year 2 also attend the infant music festival in the spring term.

In KS2, as part of their topic work, each year group puts on a showcase to parents to share their work. Year 6 perform a selection of World War 2 songs to their parents as well as a musical performance at the end of the year. Year 6 have also received funding to work with Ignition Arts and have enjoyed DJ sessions.

Years 3, 4 and 5 perform a showcase to share their work in all areas of the curriculum – these always include the rehearsing and performing of a song. A free choir club is run for half of the year, which is open to pupils in years 4, 5 and 6. These children attend Young Voices at the O2 arena in London in the spring term and the event is funded by the school. They also perform to their peers in assemblies and have also had the opportunity to record Christmas songs for the local radio station 'City Sounds' and regularly perform in Friday celebration assemblies. KS2 are also often invited to the local secondary schools to watch a dress rehearsal of their annual musical performances.

Children are also invited to watch performances put on by their peers thanks to their iRock or Music Hub lessons. These happen termly. Children who take exams as part of their 1:1 piano or keyboard work with the Music Hub also perform in assemblies after they have taken an examination, and they have their award presented to them.

We have also worked closely with the charity 'Theatre Works!' and have provided Year 5 children with the opportunity to watch the West End musical 'Lion King' at a subsidised rate.

In the future

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

Our current focus this academic year is embedding our new scheme across the school as this has only been introduced this academic year. We aim to continue to work with the Music Hub, iRock and charities such as 'Theatre Works!' to ensure children are continually provided with wide range of musical experiences and performances. Inventories of school musical instruments will be conducted to ensure that we have a wide range of musical instruments to successfully run the new scheme.

Further information and contacts

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Please see the links below to find out more about some of our music partners:

Essex Music Service (part of the Greater Essex Music Hub)

[Home - Essex Music Service](#)

IRock:

[iRock School of Music | In School rock and pop band lessons](#)

Theatre Works!

[theatre works!](#)

Young Voices:

[The Largest Children's Choir in the World | Young Voices](#)