



# Music

## Intent

At St Bernadette Catholic Primary School, children gain a firm understanding of what music is through listening, singing, playing, evaluating, analysing and composing. Our aim is for the children to develop a curiosity of the subject so they can begin to enjoy listening to a wide range of music; from a variety of genres, composers and styles. Pupils should develop an understanding of the importance of music, both in school and the wider community; and to have the musical knowledge and skills to endeavour to pursue music outside of the classroom.

## Implementation

The music curriculum ensures children sing, listen, play, perform and evaluate a range of music. This is embedded in the classroom through a structured music programme as well as additional opportunities such as singing, music clubs and performances. Lessons provide opportunities for pupils to explore elements of music such as rhythm and pitch - lessons will often focus on a particular topic (often linked to Bristol and its history) which allows for cross curricular learning to occur. Music lessons will specifically focus on learning how to sing collectively and independently, as well as providing an overview of the history of music. Children having the opportunity to compose and perform music using body percussion and vocal sounds is also part of the curriculum, which develops the understanding of musical elements without the added complexity of an instrument.

## Impact

Whilst at St Bernadette Catholic Primary school, children have access to a varied programme of music lessons; as well as musical opportunities outside of designated music lesson time. This allows pupils to discover themselves as a musician; showing their musical strengths but also highlighting any potential weaknesses with the subject. Through engaging teaching, a curiosity to pursue music further outside of the classroom, and potentially address any areas of improvement would be encouraged. Children will also learn fundamental life skills such as self-confidence, performance, achievement, self-reflection and teamwork. Music will also develop an understanding of culture and history, expanding their understanding and knowledge about their home city as well as linking musical genres to other countries and cultures across the world. Children are able to enjoy music in as many ways as they choose – either as listener, creator or performer. They can form their own relationship with music. They will have an understanding of how to develop their musical skills further should they ever choose to pursue music further beyond the classroom,