

# Music development plan summary: Cranford Primary School



## Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Amaarah Safir
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	R Wathudura
Name of local music hub	Hounslow Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rocksteady Music School

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.

At Cranford Primary School, all year groups participate in weekly music lessons, delivered by both our own teachers and instructors from the Hounslow Music Service. Our teachers use Charanga lessons, carefully sequenced to support skill progression.

Students in Years 3, 4, and 5 benefit from Hounslow Music Service lessons, where they learn to play instruments and read musical notation. These lessons take place in our dedicated music room, and students have the chance to showcase their talents in end-of-year performances. They are able to learn the ukulele and a variety of brass and wind instruments.

In the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), children engage in music activities as part of their curriculum and benefit from sessions with a volunteer pianist who supports their singing.

Our choir performs regularly throughout the year, including at the Christmas Fair and the Summer Fair. All students participate in carol concerts at Christmas and have opportunities to learn a range of songs and sing during year group assemblies.

Music plays a vital role in our school curriculum. All pupils are encouraged to join in singing practice during assemblies and class time. Each morning, we play different genres of music as children arrive for registration, fostering an appreciation for diverse musical styles and cultures.

## **Part B: Co-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.

In addition to their music lessons within school, children are invited to take their instruments home to practise on a weekly basis.

The Hounslow Music Service offers various instrumental lessons at weekends and after-school hours. Children can join these ensembles and take part in large scale performances with pupils for other schools.

We have recently partnered with Rocksteady Music School, who provide pupils with an opportunity to learn an instrument during the school day and play as part of a band. These sessions are 30 minutes long and performances take place at several points during the year.

## **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.

Every week, children are encouraged to listen to a genre of music during their Early Morning Activity. This session will allow children to experience, listen to and critique music genres such as Jazz, Hip Hop, Blues and more.

Children attend a weekly assembly where they are invited, and encouraged, to sing the song of the week. Weekly song is linked to the theme for the week.

Included within our weekly newsletter, parents, carers and children themselves are provided with a link to a song, which they can enjoy listening to with people at home.

During the Christmas period, all pupils take part in a Carol concert for parents to attend. At the end of the academic year, and following the lessons provided by

Hounslow Music Service, parents and carers of each year group (Years 3 – 5) will be invited to watch the end of year performance. Each performance will be coordinated by the Teachers from HMS and will be made up of both instrumental and singing.

All children will have the experience of watching a live theatrical performance.

Throughout the year, children of all year groups will perform to their parents and carers in their year group assemblies. This year, these assemblies include a Diwali assembly, a Harvest assembly and a Nativity performance. Year 6 pupils take part in an end of year production which is presented to an audience of parents, carers, teachers and peers.

## In the future

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

Ensemble - In the future, we plan for an ensemble/orchestra club to be organised and delivered on the school premises.

We plan to make links with the local secondary schools where children can be immersed into more live performances, enabling them to be further inspired by their older peers.

We plan for a choir/singing ensemble to be available to all children at CPS.

## Further information

For more information about our School Music Plan, please see the school website.

For more information about the Hounslow Music service, please see the link below:

<https://www.hounslowmusic.org.uk/>

For more information about the Rocksteady Music School, please see the link below:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

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