



## Curriculum Intent Statement

### Music

**‘Where words fail, music speaks.’ – Hans Christian Anderson**

At Westbury CofE Junior School, we want music lessons to be fun and inspiring - exposing children to diverse musical experiences and igniting a passion for music. We want our children to be reflective and expressive and to develop their own appreciation of music from all genres and cultures through the opportunities we provide as a school.

We intend for our children to;

- Sing and use voices both individually and in a group
- Listen to, review and evaluate and perform music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions.
- Have the opportunity to learn to play an instrument
- Use technology to make and appreciate music
- Create and compose music on their own and with others
- Understand and explore how music is created

Teachers are committed to promoting a love of music across a broadened curriculum. All children are given the opportunity and actively encouraged to learn to play a musical instrument, from standard classroom instruments to individual instrumental lessons with the visiting peripatetic staff. Musical opportunities in school include weekly class music lessons, singing assemblies, Christmas, Easter and harvest services, ukulele club, and singing club who have opportunities to sing to a wider audience; at a local care home and the local secondary school. Children may also choose to be involved in Young Voices which is a fantastic, memorable experience where we join many other schools and perform together in a large stadium

We intend to develop a curiosity for the subject, as well as an understanding and acceptance of the validity and importance of all types of music across different cultures and eras. We are committed to ensuring children understand the value and importance of music in the wider community, and are able to use their musical skills, knowledge, and experiences to involve themselves in music, in a variety of different contexts.

In addition, through music, pupils will have the opportunity to further develop their oracy skills using a wide range of key musical vocabulary.