

Subject Leadership:

Our Music Lead is Mr Asplin. He oversees the delivery of the Music curriculum, the core of which is provided by the 'Charanga' Musical School Scheme of work. In addition, he provides CPD to all staff, as well as curriculum updates.

**Curriculum Design:**

Music is taught through the 'Charanga' Musical School Scheme of work. This is a high quality 'spiral' music programme, that revisits concepts, thus embedding knowledge and skills and ensuring progression.

Curriculum Intent:

At Manor Park Infant and Nursery School, our Music curriculum is designed to inspire creativity, self-expression and encourages our children on their musical journeys as well as giving them opportunities to connect with others in a creative manner. We hope to foster a lifelong love of music by exposing our children to a range of diverse musical experiences and igniting a love of music. By listening and responding to a range of musical styles, finding their voices as singers and performers, and using their knowledge and understanding to compose music, we aim to enable all children to become confident and reflective musicians.

Our Vision:

At Manor Park Infant and Nursery School, we believe Music is an essential part of life and integral in the development of the whole child. Opportunities to engage in a variety of musical experiences is crucial as learning music develops all aspects of a child's development, from the physical action of playing an instrument to the mathematical skills needed to keep a pulse. These abilities are directly transferable to other areas of the curriculum, thus allowing every child to flourish, and ultimately be invaluable in their future life. At our school, children have access to music through regular Music lessons, led by a music specialist. Through playing, singing, creating and performing, children will develop confidence, communication, thinking and creative skills and improve their emotional well-being. The skills involved in playing and listening to music will also help learners develop the self-esteem, self-discipline, cooperation, creativity, and self-motivation necessary for success.

Subject Skills:

Through our Music curriculum, we aim to develop children who can: sing and use their voices individually and in a group; create and compose music on their own and with others; use technology appropriately when composing; have opportunities to learn a musical instrument; understand how music is created, produced and communicated; listen to music from a range of genres, cultures and historical periods and develop and appreciation of them; understand musical language and include musical features in their own work.

Subject Enrichment/Wider school Curriculum:

At Manor Park Infant and Nursery School, we realise the value of music that threads across every aspect of children's lives. Whilst it is taught as a discreet subject, we also highlight how it is intertwined with other curriculum areas, for example in Art and P.E. Widening our children's experiences outside the core Music lessons is integral to our approach to teaching and learning in school. Music is a core part of our assembly times, where we listen to different genres of music, often linked to national events, such as Black History Month. We also provide children in Year 2 with the opportunity to learn to play the recorder.