



Music development plan summary: Nova Primary School 2024-2025

At Nova Primary School, our music curriculum is designed to help children learn about music so that they develop an appreciation for not only how music is created but also a life-long love of music. This is done through a balance of performance, listening and composition opportunities. Children are given the opportunity to take up an instrument in addition to their class lessons to develop their musical skills further. Our class lessons focus on developing a secure understanding of the inter-related dimensions of music (pitch, duration/rhythm, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and notation) through practical music making.

Nova Primary School is a Music Mark School, awarded by The ABRSM, one of five examination boards accredited by Ofqual to award graded exams and diploma qualifications in music within the UK's National Qualifications Framework. This is in recognition of the value that Nova puts on music education as part of a broad and balanced curriculum. For more information visit <https://www.musicmark.org.uk/join/schools/>

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
Date this summary was published	08.11.24
Date this summary will be reviewed	03.04.25
Name of the school music lead	Esther Mortimer
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Bristol Beacon
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

Part A Curriculum Music Development Plan

At Nova Primary School our music lessons are delivered through the award-winning Bristol Music Curriculum which has been developed by the Bristol Beacon in consultation with teachers and in partnership with schools. Furthermore, it links music to Bristol's rich heritage.

Each child will be able to progress through three music units throughout a year which focus on rhythm, composition and pitch/chronology. The inter-related dimensions of music (pitch, duration, structure, timbre, dynamics, tempo, texture and appropriate notation) are taught throughout all units for children to develop a deep understanding of these musical concepts.

All children will have the opportunity to sing, compose and perform to an audience each year. This may be within year groups, whole school (plays/Nativities) multi school concerts held at Bristol Beacon, or visits within our local community.

Music Time:

- Music lessons are taught bi-termly for 45 minutes per lesson. (Each Key Stage will be taught in alternate terms.)
- Children attend Key Stage Singing Assemblies in the term they are not receiving direct music teaching. These assemblies incorporate revisiting music skills taught in lessons and have a focus on the inter-related dimensions of music as well as singing.
- Music is woven into the weekly timetable as part of our Line of Enquiry and performances are often given during a class' 'Showcase' to parents three times a year.
- Year 5 currently receive music tutoring in terms 5 and 6 from a music specialist from Bristol Beacon. Previously the children have learnt the ukulele and performed for parents.

Assessment and Monitoring

Teachers use formative assessment strategies during lessons to assess children's musical knowledge and skills. When needed, plans are adapted to offer more support and challenge. Our skills progression document aids teachers in identifying the important building blocks of children's prior knowledge in different areas and to see opportunities to extend children when needed.

Class discussions offer opportunities for teachers to model and assess children's use of musical vocabulary to explain their musical thinking and learning.

Videos are taken during lessons throughout and at the end of music units to help children reflect on their musical journey and the skills/ knowledge they are developing, both as individuals and as a collective. We believe reflection of performance through video review is powerful for children. These videos also provide a tool for monitoring progression.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

By implementing the following actions, we aim to enhance the musical experience beyond the core curriculum, helping children develop their musical skills and passions.

Instrument Lessons (1:1 and Small Group Tuition)

Current Provision: In addition to our Music Curriculum, we offer high-quality peripatetic music lessons provided by Bristol Beacon for the following instruments: guitar, violin, drums. Provision is made for Pupil Premium (PP) children to ensure there is equal access. Interest in different instruments is constantly monitored to cater for children's interests.

We have a free, un-auditioned choir for KS2, who have the opportunity to perform to parents at the Bristol Beacon twice a year. This performance is in collaboration with Bristol Beacon and other Bristol schools.

Part C: Musical experiences/events/performances

Through the following musical events and performance opportunities, we aim to build children's confidence and enhance their musical talents.

Alternative titles for Part C could be 'Musical events' or 'Musical performances.'

In the future

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

Singing in Assembly

Regular singing assemblies will continue for KS1 and KS2, led by the Music Lead and another teacher. These assemblies will focus on vocal development, singing technique, and school values through music. All classes are expected to include at least one song in their class end of term 'Showcase' to parents and carers.

KS1 Nativity

Date: Wednesday 11th December 2024 and Thursday 12th December 2024 in the school hall. The EYFS teacher will oversee the preparation for this performance and work together with other KS1 and Early Years staff. Pupils will gain valuable experience performing in front of parents/carers and other adults, increasing their confidence and giving them a sense of accomplishment through collective performance

KS2 Winter Sing

Date: Wednesday, 4th December 2024, at Bristol Beacon Main Hall. The Music Lead will oversee the preparation of KS2 students for this performance, working with class teachers to ensure pupils are ready to perform a range of songs. Pupils will gain valuable experience performing in a professional venue, increasing their confidence and giving them a sense of accomplishment through collective performance.

KS2 Singing at Granville Nursing Homes

Date: Monday 16th December 2024.

Music Workshop

Date: TBC Year 5 to take part in a music workshop, being given the opportunity to play their learned instrument with children from other schools. Venue: Bristol Beacon.