

Music at Brackensdale Primary School.



At Brackensdale Primary we aim for all children to experience a broad, balanced and rewarding music education, and to develop their confidence and enthusiasm through experiencing performance, listening, appraisal and evaluation across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians.

Music is a powerful focus for creative energy as it stimulates and guides the imagination. It is a vital part of any primary curriculum, underpinning many aspects of learning, such as the ability to listen carefully, to explore feelings and responses to stimuli, to appraise, to take risks, and to work as part of a team.

All children will listen to a variety of live and recorded music, learn to sing, to create and compose music on their own and with others, to have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument and to use technology appropriately.

We use a progressive skill-based approach to ensure the children reach their full potential. The music education links closely with the Cornerstone topics studied in each class. Visits and visitors are used to enhance learning at different points throughout the school journey.

All children take part in a Key Stage singing assembly once a week where they learn songs related to the season, important festivals or themes. At Christmas Key Stage 1 put on a nativity play and Key Stage 2 invite parents to join in with carols around the tree. To support our music teaching and provide engaging opportunities for our pupils, we often invite guests into our school. Recently we have had visits from the Status Quo drummer Jeff Rich and Foundation stage 2 and KS1 had the opportunity to play a variety of orchestral instruments. As well as having guests into school we also take groups of children out of school to take part in festivals such as the Padley Concert in Derby Cathedral and Harvest, Easter and Christmas festivals in local churches and the community centre.

Year 4 children have the opportunity to learn a brass instrument during their whole class music lessons. This is a fantastic opportunity and often leads to children taking up individual music lessons for that instrument.

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SINGING and PERFORMING

Harvest production KS1 October 2019





KS2 choir singing at a Harvest Concert at The Lonny Wilsoncroft Community Centre Autumn 2019



Choir members receiving their choir badges from Vicky Longbone.



Padley concert in Derby Cathedral 2018

PLAYING AND COMPOSING 2019

KS1 children



Enjoying composing in Nursery July 2019.





Reception - playing a variety of instruments with control September 2019



KS2 children performing on brass instruments to the school

