

Why do we need to learn about Music?



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To develop our understand what music means to us/the message it gives (Y4)

To find a way of expressing ourselves and to find ourselves (Y4)

To help us become musicians of the future and to read/write music (Y3)

To show off how beautiful our voices are. (Y1)

To help us to be confident and to get ideas when performing on stage. (Y2)

What skills does a Musician need?

- Listening skills to play in time and to think hard about the message from the Music
- Be able to play different instruments and learn the lyrics confidently
- Know the chords and rhythm of the music
- Know how to read and respond to different musical notes
- Play in time to music
- Control voice and instruments
- Be confident and courageous

It makes me feel free and like I can be myself (Y4)

Yes, we get to learn to play lots of different notes (Y3)

Definitely - It is fun to learn because we learn and perform a range of songs (Y3)

Do you enjoy Music? Why?

In Music, I really enjoy how we get to learn new talents and show off our voice (Y2)

I really enjoy how we get to learn to play new notes on our instruments (Y4)

We got to learn to play the xylophone (Y1)

I love to learn different rhythms and experiment with them (Y4)

I love music because I feel very happy, relaxed and calm (Y1)

It is fun and exciting - I loved playing Hot Cross Buns on the recorder (Y2)

What can you do in Music that you couldn't do before?

We can now play new chords and we have learnt to sing and respond to new songs (Cane Pepper and Two Way Radio) (Y3)

Something new we have learnt is to dance and sing better to the beat (Y1)

To hold our voices for longer and to play a new instrument (recorder) (Y2)

Know to read music from a stave and what the different symbols/notes mean (Y4)

Play to the rhythm of the music and how to play new instruments (Y4)





Can you tell me about something you have learnt in Music and why it was memorable this year/last year?

Playing Jingle Bells on the recorder and then performing it to our friends and teachers (Y3)

Doing lots of dancing and moves in time to the music with our bodies (Y1)

Applying our Music skills in different ways, such as practising for our Leavers' Play (Y4)

Performing Hot Cross Buns to our friends, teachers and grown-ups in Church (Y2)

Do you have enough opportunities to perform? When are these?

We get to perform our musical talents in Show and Tell (Y1)

We would like to play in front of our grown-ups even more (Y2)

We perform together with our friends and to our teachers (Y4)

We performed to elderly and poorly people in the care home (Y3)

Can you name any genres/styles of Music?

Rock and Roll

Classical

Country

Pop

Reggae

Opera

Hip-Hop

Jazz

How do you learn about Music in other subjects?

In History, we learnt about The Beatles.

We listen, we sing and we perform in Worship all the time.

In English, we use music to think about the mood in stories and for characters.

Can you tell me what Musical language you learn at school?

Volume

EGBDF and FACE
(stave chords)

Crotchet

Rhythm

Stave

Quaver

Pitch

Melody

Beat

Titi

Note

Ta Ta

Slur

Next Step

What would make Music even better at school?

- ✓ KS1 - To learn to read even more music.
- ✓ KS1 - Even more dancing and singing!
- ✓ KS2 - Listening to even more beats and songs
- ✓ KS2 - Playing even more instruments

What will happen next?

- Feedback to staff in more depth about what Pupil Voice tells us about the experiences and opportunities our children have in Music at St Nicholas
- As part of our on-going curriculum evaluation, review and refine our Music subject development plan so that it reflects key points and priorities raised from this evidence-gathering.
- Work with staff to ensure that we are able to work towards achieving the next steps raised from our Pupil Voice.
- Host another Pupil Voice over the coming months to monitor and evaluate progress.