

## **Music**



## Teaching music skills to inspire a love of music for life!

We are surrounded by music, it is the soundtrack to our lives! In our ever-changing world, music connects us through people and places, through times of celebration and challenge, inspiring us and bringing us together. Therefore, at the Oaks Federation, we believe the opportunity to explore and learn about music is an essential part of our broad and ambitious curriculum that aims to introduce children to the dimensions, delights and disciplines of music.

We aim to provide a high quality, carefully planned and sequenced music curriculum that engages and inspires children to develop a life-long love of music and their talent as musicians, increasing self-confidence, supporting well-being and nurturing their creativity and sense of achievement.

During Key Stage 1 the children follow the National Curriculum requirements, through a two year
rolling cycle of units so that by the end of Year two children will be able to:
Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes
Play tuned and untuned instruments musically
Listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music
Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the interrelated dimensions of music



During Foundation we help children to begin to build on their musical experiences and develop their listening, composing and performing skills. Music is integrated throughout the day in different ways, from formal music lessons, through invitations to explore, investigate, compose and perform during discovery time, to whole class listening to and learning of songs, rhymes and chants to support learning in other areas and classroom management.

## Key experiences to be provided in Foundation alongside the taught units set out below

Singing songs, rhymes and chants on a daily basis

Opportunities to explore how sound and music can be made and changed

Time to investigate musical instruments, both tuned and untuned and even make their own

Time to listen to a wide range of music in many different styles and from different cultures and time periods

Opportunities to respond to what they hear through discussion, movement and/or dance and other art mediums such as drawing/painting

Participating in singing worships at least once a week

Tapping out simple rhythm patterns and creating their own simple rhythm patterns

Composing pieces both in small groups and whole class

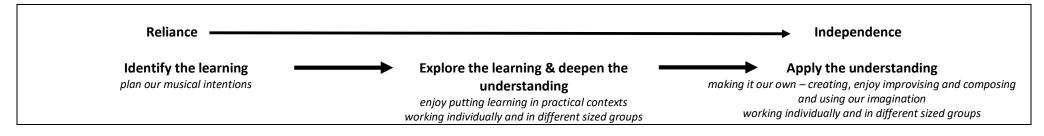
Children are encouraged to evaluate their own and others work by being a critical friend.

Taking part in a range of musical performances

Foundation	Autumn	Spring	Summer
	Title/context: Getting to know you  Dimension focus: duration and timbre	Title/context: Dragon Dance  Dimensions Focus: duration	Title / Context: Incy Wincy Spider  Dimensions Focus: pitch & texture
	Title/context: Christmas Nativity	Title / Context: The Weather  Dimensions Focus: dynamics & tempo	Title / Context: On the beach  Dimensions Focus: structure & timbre

## Key Stage One

In Key Stage One we use Hampshire Music Service's Pathways to Musical Independence to support our planning, resourcing and teaching. We believe quality music teaching moves children from relying on copying adults, through exploring for themselves, during which, with the support of skilled adults, they gain the knowledge and skills for musical independence. This empowers them to create, compose, rehearse and perform freely. We achieve this through the delivery of weekly music lessons taught in thematic units alongside a wide range of other musical experiences. During the thematic units, our children learn about 7 musical dimensions (tempo, pitch, dynamics, structure, timbre, texture and duration) and build on the musical skills of Singing, playing, rehearsing and performing, notating, listening and responding.



CYCLE A						
Years 1 and 2	Autumn	Spring	Summer			
	Title / Context: Dragons	Title/ Context: Great Fire of London	Title / Context: Minibeasts on the Move			
	Dimensions Focus: dynamics & tempo	Dimension focus: dynamics	Dimensions Focus: duration			
	Title / Context: Can I be helpful to?	Title / Context: Jolly Rogers	Title / Context: Wispy Willow			
	Dimensions Focus: texture	Dimensions Focus: structure & timbre	<i>Dimensions Focus:</i> pitch			
CYCLE B						
Years 1 and 2	Autumn	Spring	Summer			
	Title / Context: The Three Bears	Title / Context: As Cold as Ice	Title / Context: The Old Castle			
	Dimensions Focus: pitch	Dimensions Focus: duration & structure	<i>Dimensions Focus:</i> timbre			
	Title / Context: Toys	Title / Context : Titanic	Title / Contexts: Forests			
	Dimensions Focus: tempo	<b>Dimension Focus</b> : duration, texture & structure	Dimensions focus: dynamics, timbre & structure			

Please note, our Autumn 2 units are light touch units, with a single dimension focus, as we focus on skills development through our Christmas Nativity productions					
ing this half term.					