



Heron Hill Primary School: Curriculum Overview

Music

At Heron Hill we seek to provide a broad range of musical experiences for our pupils during their school career.

Singing is something we value highly and forms an integral part of our curriculum from Nursery through to the end of Year 6. Children are given opportunities to sing in both class groups and wider settings, with a singing assembly each week for each Key Stage, as well as regular singing in weekly assemblies. Each Key Stage also produces a musical/dramatic production every year, providing pupils with the chance to perform on stage. We have a very active school choir, which children can join from Year 3 onwards; the choir has several opportunities to perform over the year, including in inter-school events. They also help to lead the Key Stage 2 children in learning new material in singing assemblies.

From the Early Years onwards children are given opportunities to experiment and then compose with sound using simple percussion instruments in both small group and whole-class settings. They learn to represent their work in simple scores, progressing to using simple standard musical notation by the end of Year 6. From Year 4 until the end of primary school all pupils learn to play the recorder in class music lessons.

We also offer peripatetic music lessons to our pupils and currently have teachers coming into school to teach guitar, piano, drums, woodwind, brass and violin lessons. These pupils are encouraged to perform in our annual music concert and from time to time to their classmates and/or Key Stage.

All our children are also taught to respond to music in various ways, including movement, dance and art. They listen to a wide range of music from a variety of forms, including the western classical tradition, contemporary modern music forms, jazz, popular music and world music. We ensure that pupils have the opportunity to listen to live musicians visiting the school at least once each year.

We believe a sound musical education is an essential part of the holistic curriculum we provide for all pupils at Heron Hill, and we seek to integrate music into the whole of our curriculum, enriching children's learning in PSHE, RE, language, Maths, Humanities and other subjects. Many of our pupils have gone on to perform as successful musicians in secondary school and beyond.