

**Music** is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. We strive to provide a high quality music education that engages and inspires children to develop a love of music and talent as musicians. As children progress through the key stages, they will develop a critical engagement with music, allowing them to compose and listen with discrimination to the best in musical canon, becoming musicians who are able to share and perform using their new skills.

The National Curriculum for Music aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians.
- Learn to sing and use their voices to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence.
- Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.

At St Mary's we ensure that musical learning is well planned for and progressive in terms of developing musical knowledge, skills and understanding through inter-related processes such as 'performing, composing, improvising, singing, creating, manipulating, combining' which underpin the practical nature of Music.

Children sing regularly during whole school assemblies, hymn practise and class acts of worship. Through music lessons children are further taught how to explore, manipulate and combine sounds, considering the relationship between sounds and different symbols.

To ensure children have a rich and balanced curriculum, they are given the opportunity to play and explore a range of musical instruments both inside and outside the classroom to make sure that all are suitably challenged to their individual needs.

If you have any questions please see your child's class teacher.