

Boutcher C of E Primary School Subject Story

Music



Intent

At Boutcher, we aim to encourage children's awareness, enjoyment and appreciation of music. Through our Music lessons, we aim to develop children's imagination and creativity. We help children of all abilities to develop positive attitudes and experience success in Music. We purposefully offer opportunities to perform, compose, listen and appraise. Through the Music curriculum, children are able to build their confidence for performing to an audience. Our Music lessons provide children with chances to develop social skills through co-operation with others in the shared experience of music making. We ensure that children develop an understanding of musical traditions and developments in a variety of cultures.

Implementation

At Boutcher, we provide children with a creative and challenging curriculum. All children receive weekly singing lessons in their key stage. Children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 have music lessons each from our specialist music teacher in African drumming. Children in Years 5 and 6 receive violin lessons from specialist teachers.

Our teachers and specialist teachers, aim to deliver the curriculum through engaging and innovative practical lessons, as well as assemblies, services, music lessons and performances.

Music is taught discreetly for at least 1 hour each week, however, music can also be used in the wider curriculum. This encourages children to contextualise learning and develop an understanding of the place of music in the world.

In every lesson, we aspire to ensure that children explore music in an innovative, creative, exciting and progressive way, as it is important to us that our children ask questions, are proactive and are provided with many musical opportunities.

Impact

- Children are provided with ample opportunities to perform in front of an audience, including the Christmas play and Year 6 end of year play.
- Some children are selected for singing and piano lessons with our professional singing teacher. These children may be invited to take exams.
- The music co-ordinator frequently assesses the impact of Music, ensuring that the intent is implemented and that the Music taught is relevant, effective and meaningful.

What can I expect to see in a Music lesson at Boutcher?

- Children listening to and following a beat, using body percussion and instruments.
- Children developing their performing, composing, appraising and listening and application skills.
- All children participating in the lesson and using musical instruments.
- Children learning about the history of music and different traditions.

Examples of our outstanding learning



Children performing African drumming at Carnival



Children singing in Hymn Practice

What voice do pupils have?

- Children are regularly asked for feedback on Music lessons.

Examples of pupil voice

Scarlett – “I really enjoy Music at Boutcher because you get lots of opportunities to use different instruments, and it is a chance to express yourself.”

Emily – “In our Music lessons, we learn new songs. My favourite song that we have learnt is called Airport.”

What successes were there in the last few academic years?

- Children made good progress in Music and attainment is in line with other core curriculum subjects.
- We have taken children on educational visits and provided excellent performance opportunities for our children.
- All children at Boutcher took part in our Christmas place, where we showcased the brilliant singing going on in Music lessons to parents and our local community.

What are the priorities in Music?

- To ensure that children have more opportunities to use different musical instruments and perform.
- To provide opportunities for specialist musical teachers to share their practices with us.
- To continue to provide many opportunities for children to develop their SMSC and support them in doing so.