

Why is Music Important?

Music is a subject that has many benefits to a learner. Music allows children to:

- be creative and thoughtful
- to learn structure and follow musical rules
- to listen to each other and be listened to

Music also integrates many different subjects and fits well with many of our topics.

There are many studies that show just *listening* to music can boost mood, reduce anxiety and stress and stimulate brain development. Composing, playing and performing music add social interaction, confidence, individuality and expression to that list.



Music

When **Implementing** the Music Curriculum You Will See ...

- A whole school approach to learning music through Charanga and other platforms that ensure clear progression.
- Annual Performances
- Playing tuned/untuned instruments and singing in lessons and in performances.
- Opportunities to listen to live and recorded music to inspire and respond to.
- Assemblies that celebrate togetherness, singing and musical achievement.
- Cross curricular links with English/Maths/ICT/History/Geography/PE/RE etc...)
- Project work and opportunities to collaborate with other children to compose music.
- Peer and self-evaluation that gives children the chance to critique and improve musical composition.

What Do We **Intend** Music to Look Like at Monkfield Park?

Our intent is that we will help children to gain a wealth of musical experiences such as singing with others, playing tuned and untuned instruments individually and in groups, listening to a wide variety of different musical styles from their own and different cultures and start learning how to read, compose and write music. We aim to inspire a love of music in all children, whatever format, style or method that comes in.

How Will Music **Impact** Our Learners?

Children will see themselves as musicians, performers, composers and respectful audience members.

"We have a class playlist where we can request songs that we like and listening to them helps us to concentrate when we're working." – Year 6 student

"We made a song together with lots of different notes and it sounded awesome." – Year 1 student

"Singing assemblies are my favourite part of the week, especially 'Best Day of my Life' – Year 4 student