



# Music

## Intent

**'Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity' (The National Curriculum)**

At St Augustine's CE (VA) School, it is our intent that we make music an enjoyable learning experience. We intend to inspire creativity, self-expression and encourage our children on their musical journeys, as well as giving them opportunities to connect with others. We hope to foster a life long love of music by exposing them to diverse musical experiences and igniting a passion for music.

## Implementation

Our teaching focuses on developing the children's ability to understand rhythm and follow a beat. Through singing songs, children learn about the structure and organisation of music. We teach them to listen and to appreciate different forms of music. Children develop descriptive language skills in music lessons when learning about how music can represent different feelings, emotions and narratives. We also teach technical vocabulary such as volume, pitch, beat and rhythm and encourage children to discuss music using these terms.

We use a scheme called Charanga which offers a topic-based approach to support children's learning in music. A steady progression plan has been built into Charanga, both within each year and from one year to the next, ensuring consistent musical development. By using Charanga as the basis of a scheme of work, we can ensure that the children are fulfilling the aims for musical learning stated in the National Curriculum.

Charanga includes many examples of music styles and genres from different times and places. These are explored through the language of music via active listening, performing and composing activities, which enable understanding of the context and genre.

Charanga provides a classroom-based, participatory and inclusive approach to music learning. Throughout the scheme, children are actively involved in using and developing their singing voices, using body percussion and whole body actions, and learning to handle and play classroom instruments effectively to create and express their own and others' music. Through a range of whole class, group and individual activities, children have opportunities to explore sounds, listen actively, compose and perform.



## Intended Impact

When children leave St Augustine's CE (VA) School they will have the confidence to enjoy music in whichever way they choose either as a listener, creator or performer. Music enables children to develop an understanding of culture and history, both in relation to children individually, as well as ethnicities from across the world.

