



Willow Bank Infant School

Vision and Rationale for Music

The Music Curriculum

Our Vision: What we want to see in the future

At Willow Bank Infant School our aim is to ensure that all children develop a passion for Music. Through our Music Curriculum we aim to help children develop a love for different genres of music and a desire to develop their learning further. Children participate in a range of musical experiences, building up their confidence at the same time. Children are given the opportunity to use a range of instruments to develop fundamental skills for future learning within the subject.

The Music Curriculum at Willow Bank will:

The school's music curriculum explores how musical techniques and skills can be nurtured and developed in all pupils. These skills may be expressed instrumentally, vocally or through music technology. Music is taught as a discrete subject but is also included in other curriculum areas such as maths and dance. A weekly singing assembly allows the children opportunities to develop their singing skills and gain an understanding of how ensembles work. Performances, such as Christmas plays and special assemblies, demonstrate that music is important to the life of the school.

Music teaching at Willow Bank will:

Participation in music develops wellbeing, promotes listening and develops concentration. The elements of music are taught in the classroom lessons so that children are able to use some of the language of music to appraise it, understand how it is made, played, appreciated and enjoyed. In the classroom children learn how to play percussion instruments and use their voice for singing. They also learn how to compose using body percussion and instruments, focusing on different skills of music. Pupils are provided with opportunities to play musically during their playtime, with outdoor musical instruments available.

Music in the community:

At Willow Bank Infant School we have strong links with the community and provide opportunities for our children to experience music with children from neighbouring schools and the wider community. We are proud to have been involved with:

- The Woodley Schools Choir where we have performed at the local secondary school in a Summer Gala.
- Singing at The Woodley Carnival.
- Key Stage One singing event.
- Pantomimus percussion and singing workshops.

Assessment of Music at Willow Bank will:

Monitoring in Music includes lesson observations and/or learning walks. Teachers have assessment grids with statements taken from the National Curriculum Programme of Study and as each unit of work is covered children are assessed to see who is working at the expected standard.