

Music Development Plan

September 2024 onwards

Part A: Curriculum music

Mount Pleasant Junior School provides a structured music curriculum where children in Year 4 have one hour per week dedicated to music, while those in Year 5 and Year 6 have one hour fortnightly. The curriculum covers essential musical elements such as pulse, rhythm, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure, and dynamics. Students engage in various activities including listening to different musical styles, playing instruments, singing, improvising, reading notation, learning about historical contexts, and composing music. They also participate in group/ensemble activities to enhance their musical skills.

Potential next steps:

- Increase the frequency of music lessons for Year 5 and Year 6 to ensure more consistent exposure to music education.
- Integrate technology-based music learning tools to enhance student engagement and understanding of musical concepts.
- Collaborate with local musicians or music organisations to provide real-world musical experiences for students.

Part B: Co-curricular music

Mount Pleasant Junior School offers a range of co-curricular music opportunities including weekly Whole Class Ensemble Tuition (WOPS) for Year 3, a weekly choir, private and small group tuition through the East Riding Music Service, weekly singing Collective Worship sessions, school productions, and a Glee club. These activities provide students with opportunities to further develop their musical skills outside of the regular curriculum.

Potential next steps:

- Expand the range of instruments offered for private and small group tuition to cater to a wider variety of student interests.
- Establish partnerships with local music venues or organisations to provide performance opportunities for the school choir and Glee club.
- Implement a structured practise schedule for co-curricular music activities to ensure consistent student participation and skill development.

Part C: Musical experiences

Mount Pleasant Junior School enriches students' musical experiences by organising events such as choir enrichment days, weekly singing assemblies/worship, music ensembles at Christmas from the East Riding Music Service, Year 3 music performances for parents through WOPS, and performances by the Glee club and choir at local events/venues. These experiences not only showcase students' musical talents but also foster a sense of community and pride in their musical achievements.

Potential next steps:

- Organise collaborative music events with other schools or community groups to broaden students' exposure to different musical styles and traditions.
- Provide opportunities for students to participate in regional or national music competitions to showcase their talents and receive feedback from industry professionals.

- Incorporate elements of cultural diversity and inclusion into musical experiences to promote understanding and appreciation of different musical heritages.

In the Future

Mount Pleasant Junior School plans to have the choir attend Young Voices, a renowned music event that will offer students a unique and memorable musical experience. This future initiative aligns with the school's commitment to providing diverse and enriching musical opportunities for its students.

Potential next steps:

- Collaborate with the Young Voices organisation to explore additional performance opportunities or workshops for the school choir.
- Integrate the Young Voices experience into the school's music curriculum to maximise the educational impact of the event.
- Seek feedback from students, parents, and staff after the Young Voices event to evaluate its impact and consider future participation in similar initiatives.