



Music statement of Intent

The National Curriculum for music aims to ensure that all children:

- Perform, listen to, review and evaluate music
- Be taught to sing, create and compose music
- Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated.

At Churcham and Ashleworth Primary schools we make music an enjoyable learning experience. We ensure that our music curriculum is in line with the National Curriculum and reflects our aims that all children become successful, confident and responsible citizens. We encourage children to participate in a variety of musical experiences through which we aim to build up the confidence of all children.

How do we teach Music at Churcham and Ashleworth C of E primary school?

Music in the EYFS is incorporated into the Early Learning Goals for Expressive Arts and Design. Music is known to contribute to a child's personal and social development and enriches their language. Music is an integral part of reception topic work such as counting songs in Maths and learning songs from different cultures to increase a child's knowledge and understanding of the world.

In Key stage 1 and 2 our teaching focuses on developing the children's ability to sing through the use of the Charanga Musical School scheme of work. Through singing songs, children learn about the structure and organisation of music and develop the ability to sing in tune with other people. As the children progress through the school they are encouraged to sing songs of increasing difficulty. We provide opportunities for children to create, play, perform and enjoy music. We teach methods to compose music and how to notate their compositions. We encourage active involvement in different forms of music making, whether individual, group, class, key stage or whole school as well as providing opportunities to listen to and appreciate a wide variety of music, including the works of great composers.

In addition to the experiences the children have in the classroom we provide further enriching learning opportunities through participation in musical events and workshops both within and outside school provided by the Gloucestershire Academy of music.

At Churcham and Ashleworth primary school we ensure children have opportunities that allow them to enjoy and achieve regardless of their ability. We are aware of the individual needs of children and strive to meet these needs through providing suitable resources to allow for success.

How do we assess Music?

All children are aware of the learning objective for each lesson and the class teacher will review the lesson and allow time for peer and self assessment.

Music is assessed on an informal, ongoing basis through general observation by the class teacher. Three times a year the class teacher makes a summative assessment of what each child can do which is collated by the Subject Leader.