

Music is all around us. It is the soundtrack of our lives. Music connects us through people and places in our ever-changing world. It is creative, collaborative, celebratory and challenging. At Kidgate Academy, we believe that music encourages imagination, self-confidence and originality. We think that music gives our pupils the skills, concepts and knowledge necessary for them to express responses to ideas and experiences across the curriculum. Music is not just a subject to learn, but an activity that you can practise with your hands, your voice, your eyes and your whole personality to ignite imagination and expression.



Intent – What do we aim to deliver?

Children to gain an understanding into how music is created and written. To educate them in the theory behind the music and deepen their compositional and improvisational knowledge of music.

All children to have the ability to describe and share personal experiences around a particular piece or genre of music using musical vocabulary.

Children to participate and grow in confidence in performing short sections of music; vocally and instrumentally.

Children develop their creative skills in order to express themselves when composing their own music in range of musical capacities.

The sheer joy of music can feed the soul of a school community. With this in mind, we aim to use our love of music to bring the school into the centre of the community by providing opportunities for families and friends to enjoy singing with us.

Music lessons are taught explicitly for 30 minutes per week. This is complemented with singing assemblies, classroom singing and an after-school Musical Theatre Club.



Implementation – How do we aim to deliver it?

Through the introduction of a music scheme called Kapow, and by linking it to a range of skill and knowledge-based units, our Music curriculum builds the importance of creativity through performing, listening and expression, starting at an early age in the Early Years through expressive arts and design and being imaginative.

Kidgate's approach to teaching music teaches children the fundamental skills and knowledge through a carefully planned programme. All children gain a basic understanding of musical notation, language, playing an instrument, improvisation, composition, listening and analysing music. Teaching is activity based. Each half term, children work towards a goal, this will culminate in either a performance to the class or the playing of a piece with the class as a whole.

We are committed to ensuring children understand the value and importance of music in the wider community, and are able to use their musical skills, knowledge, and experiences to involve themselves in celebrating all styles of music.

Outside musical agencies provide instrument playing opportunities to EYFS children, developing their skills in listening, confidence, knowledge of different styles and different ways of enjoying a range of musical genres.



Impact – How will we know when we have delivered it?

Whilst in school, children have access to a varied programme, which allows pupils to discover areas of strength, as well as areas they might like to improve upon.

Children develop a love of music that extends to them being able to make a choice on what they listen to and explain their reasoning behind their choice.

The children also will access other skills and abilities such as: achievement, self-confidence, interaction with and awareness of others, and self-reflection.

Music will also develop an understanding of culture and history, both in relation to pupils individually, as well as societies from across the world.