



Music

“Music is an explosive expression of humanity. It’s something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we are from, everyone loves music.” ~Billy Joel



Music plays a vital part in the education of pupils at Doddinghurst Infant School, giving the children exciting aesthetic and creative experiences. Starting our children on a life-long journey of love and appreciation for music.

Intent

Our intent is to ensure that all children:

- Produce creative work in a variety of forms; exploring ideas and recording experiences.
- Become proficient in singing, composing and performing their own and others pieces of music.
- Use developing musical vocabulary to discuss theirs and others work.
- Know about great artists, musicians, composers, as well as understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

Music is used in a cross curricular way, accompanying all other subjects, and as a major part of our; assemblies, performances and special celebrations. Such as celebrating iconic music through the decades as part of Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Where we created class dances and performed in front of the whole school.

We use songs in all areas of learning e.g. days of the week, number bonds song, to support mathematical learning and vocabulary. The continents song to recall the continents within Geography. Mrs Palmer believes that there is a song for every occasion, and for every area of learning!

Singing

All year groups have one song practice a week enabling them to experience singing as a communal activity (EYFS start this after the first half term).

These assemblies are a chance for children to learn a variety of songs linked to current themes in the academic year i.e. Harvest, Christmas, Mother’s Day; as well as, some traditional hymns. There is also a variety of songs sung throughout our Christmas performances, as a whole school, class, small group and solo performances.

Choir

Children who find that they particularly enjoy these practices can join the school choir.



We have been privileged to support local community events with our singing and have performed at:

- Lakeside Shopping Centre.
- Remembrance services at All Saints Church.
- The Richard Stonley Festival in our village.

Music Lessons

Our children have music sessions, in which they learn discrete musical skills as well as singing, composition and a general passion for this area of learning.

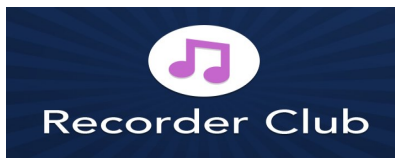
Our lessons are based on Development Matters and the National Curriculum requirements, and we have access to a fantastic interactive teaching resource which is called Charanga.



Recordings are made using iPads. This enables the children to use technology purposefully in an interactive manner to access and compliment their learning, using technology to record and play their performances for appraisal.

Instrumental Tuition

At present there are opportunities for students to learn the recorder in our recorder club.



Creative Arts Room

We are fortunate to have a creative arts room that is fully equipped with a wide variety of tuned and untuned percussion instruments, this enables children to have hands on access to adapt their performances and experiment fully. Our early years can often be found in their environment with their own instrument creations performing on their outdoor stage.



Please let us know if your child is learning to play an instrument outside of school, as they may like to showcase their talents in one of our celebration assemblies.

Music in the classroom

Throughout school, music is enjoyed in a range of situations from providing a calm atmosphere whilst working to accompanying a theme in assemblies.



Home Learning

Our Home Learning policy aims to improve education, whilst developing the concept that learning is a whole life experience. Elements of our music is shared during performances and at times will be added to seesaw accounts for families to enjoy .



How can I help?

Creative Arts are everywhere in the world and children need to be able to appreciate and discuss the things that they see and hear. Encourage them to:

- Talk about the music that you and they like to listen to. What do they like about it?
- Find opportunities to sing songs together; nursery rhymes, songs to help learning e.g. number bonds, the alphabet or times tables.
- Highlight music found within TV and films. How is it making you feel?



- Use household objects to create; drum sets, jars of water to chime on. Create your own masterpieces or a family band.

- Let your children make a play list using your google/Alexa device.

You may also like to visit the following websites:

- <https://pbskids.org/games/music/>
- *Kidz bop kidz – Modern music with accompanying video to sing and dance to.*
- <https://www.educationalappstore.com/best-apps/5-best-music-apps-for-kids-to-play-and-listen>



eSafety

Ensure child settings are secure on devices and children know to question any unusual/new content with an appropriate adult.