

OUR MUSIC CURRICULUM

INTENT

At Crowcombe and Stogumber Schools we are passionate about music and the positive impact it has on childrens' learning and wellbeing. We want all of our children to develop a life-long love of music, whether that be through singing, playing, performing, composing or simply listening to and appreciating a wide variety of music.

We want our children to love music, to be confident in their own ability to play and perform music, to have the courage to explore and develop their own creativity, to find the music that most appeals to them, and to have fun in the process.

IMPLEMENTATION

At Crowcombe and Stogumber we have a bespoke music curriculum, created and delivered by a specialist music teacher, where weekly music lessons are interactive and children learn through doing. Use of instruments features heavily throughout the curriculum with children across all year groups playing instruments at every opportunity. Across the school, all children will sing and learn to play percussion, boomwhackers, chime bars, ocarinas, recorders, brass, bucket and djembe drums, and will do so with increasing accuracy and fluency.

Through playing instruments, children explore a wide variety of genres, including Jazz, Opera, African, Minimalism, Ballet, Classical and Popular music. The children develop their ability to read and follow music notation, explore their creativity through composition, and develop preferences for the music and instruments that they enjoy most. Alongside the use of instruments, weekly music assemblies and group singing activities allow the children to work together to refine both their ensemble and performance skills.

To further enhance the opportunities for music in our schools, all children are offered the opportunity to learn a musical instrument privately with specialist peripatetic teachers. Children can choose from ukulele, guitar, violin, piano or brass and are encouraged to take advantage of performance opportunities. Children also have the opportunity to further their interest in music by attending an after school music club.

IMPACT

Children in our schools look forward to, and enjoy, their music lessons.

Music is seen as a central and important part of school life, with children actively seeking out musical opportunities.

Music benefits the whole child. Through their experiences in music, our children develop important skills of self-confidence, positivity, courage, creativity, collaboration and self-reflection, all of which benefits their wider learning and wellbeing.

Our children play instruments with increasing accuracy and fluency as they progress through the school, with many also choosing to learn instruments privately. Children develop preferences about the kind of music they like and have the courage and confidence to put forward creative ideas. Children learn how to appraise themselves, and others, in a positive and constructive way, and show confidence and courage performing both in front of their peers and in more formal settings.