



Music Curriculum Intent

“Ah, music - **magic beyond all we do here!**”

Albus Dumbledore



At Lionheart Educational Trust, our music curriculum is creative, collaborative, celebratory and challenging. It engages and inspires our pupils to develop a love of music through shared experiences such as singing, ensemble playing, exploring, listening and performing.

We follow the Leicestershire Music Service scheme of work, based on the Model Music Curriculum. This progressive and inclusive scheme supports non-specialist primary teachers while ensuring challenge for all learners.

The musical knowledge and skills developed by learners provide a secure foundation for the study of music at high school and beyond. Our curriculum ensures that knowledge is remembered and not merely encountered, with opportunities to revisit, consolidate, develop and deepen understanding year on year.

Children develop and secure substantive knowledge of the interrelated dimensions of music, which permeate each unit. The scheme focuses on the practical application and interpretation of this knowledge through disciplinary knowledge to develop creative, original musical work.

Units include pulse, voice, rhythm, pitch, technology and 20th-century music. Our curriculum exposes children to a wide range of genres, composers, instruments and cultures. They are encouraged to explore music creatively and compose with purpose.

In addition to subject-specific skills, children develop character traits such as creativity, cooperation, imagination and self-direction. Music supports wellbeing and contributes significantly to personal development, including confidence, self-esteem, leadership, teamwork, concentration, resilience and problem-solving.

Through music, children can develop their identity and enhance social cohesion within the school and wider community. The curriculum is accessible to all learners, including those with SEND and higher attainers, with adaptive teaching strategies embedded in each lesson.

Assessment in music is an integral part of the learning process. All children are encouraged to perform, evaluate, and re-perform their work, taking on board constructive feedback and suggestions for improvement. This reflective approach helps pupils to refine their musical skills, build confidence, and develop a deeper understanding of musical concepts.

Music is celebrated and promoted across the Lionheart Educational Trust. It is an entitlement for every child and an integral part of school life.

We offer thoughtfully planned enrichment opportunities, including learning a wide range of instruments, 1:1 and group tuition by professional musicians, singing assemblies, attending performances and opportunities to perform beyond school.