

Music development plan summary: Brownlow Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2023-2024
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027
Name of the school music lead	Claire Goodman/Kirsty Lane
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Leicestershire Schools Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Drumba

Part A: Curriculum music

Each child receives a weekly music lesson in EYFS and Key stages 1 and 2.

Our music curriculum is informed by the non-statutory guidance for teaching music and aspects of the model music curriculum, focussing on Singing and Performing, Composing and Playing Instruments as well as Listening and Appraising.

All year groups are given the opportunity to learn ensemble skills progressively on a range of instruments including Boomwhackers, descant recorders and xylophones.

Year 4 are currently receiving group ensemble brass lessons in conjunction with Leicestershire Schools Music Service (2023-2024).

Part B: Co-curricular music

At Brownlow, we offer drumming (private) and recorder tuition on a small group and one-to-one basis, as well as a choir for upper Key Stage 2 that develops two-part harmonies.

We have also run clubs for Music Technology, Musical Theatre and Cheerleading, depending on uptake and staff availability.

We encourage children to learn an instrument outside school and perform in assemblies and local events.

Children are able to continue with brass instrument tuition/loan in Years 5 and 6 as part of a continuation group.

Part C: Musical experiences

All children are encouraged to sing in weekly hymn practise as well as during lesson time. We have special performances from our drumming teacher and all children receive 'Drumba' lessons as part of their PE coverage.

We run a very successful choir that has historically performed at Young Voices in Birmingham Arena, as well as our end of year Music Extravaganza. We have close links with schools in our area through our academy network. We often perform in the local community including Residential Care Homes, the local hospital, Christmas lights switch on and local theatre events and competitions.

Year 4 children have visited De Montfort Hall in conjunction with LSMS to take part in a massed brass concert. Children in EYFS learn carols and KS1 put together a show for our annual Christmas performances too.

In the future

We hope to have a dedicated space for Music lessons, delivered by a specialist teacher.