

Why is Music Important?

Evidence from a national plan for music education titled 'The Importance of Music', outlines the benefits of music in the school curriculum:

“Research has shown a direct link between music and improved reading ability in children... Evidence also suggests a link between mathematics and music.”

“A number of studies have demonstrated the positive impact music can have on personal and social development, including increased self-reliance, confidence, self-esteem, sense of achievement and ability to relate to others.”



Music at Oak Hill First School

At Oak Hill our music lessons aim to inspire pupils to develop a love of music. Our school is well equipped with a wide range of percussion instruments in our Music Room that the children can play. The children work with others to experiment with sounds to compose music for different purposes linked with their Mantle of the Expert projects. Their understanding of different styles of music will develop through listening to the works of composers and musicians.

We support the National Curriculum with providing the opportunity for children to learn a musical instrument. Pupils in Year 2 learn how to play an ocarina and pupils in Year 4 learn how to play a recorder. The children will be able to loan an instrument and a music book from school to learn how to read music. They will be able to take these home to practise so that they can master their skills.

Our pupils develop their ability to sing expressively through weekly singing assemblies and have opportunities to perform in class assemblies and annual year group productions. A Christmas carol service is held at The Bridge, which is our local church, where pupils in Years 2 and 4 will join together. We have close links with our pyramid network of schools so that pupils have the opportunity to participate in a musical event at Trinity High School along with children from other local schools. Please refer to the school calendar for the date of these events.