

# Ramsden Infants School

## Music development plan summary

### Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	October 2024
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Name of the school music lead	Sarah Bloor
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Cumbria Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, co-curricular provision and musical experiences – and what changes we are planning in future years. This information is to help pupils and parents or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils’ music education.

### Part A: Curriculum music

This is about what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

At Ramsden Infant School, music is taught through the Kapow scheme following the ‘original scheme’ on a one-year cycle. The Kapow scheme has been chosen due to its progressive structure and because it is informed by the model music curriculum. Music is taught for an hour weekly in all classes, this may be split over a number of sessions. In addition to this the children have a weekly singing assembly. The lessons are designed to be progressive and build on prior learning allowing the children time to revisit, review, and refine their music vocabulary, knowledge, and skills. Lesson plans are adapted from the scheme to ensure they are inclusive, enabling all learners the opportunity to fully partake in music lessons, feel valued, and achieve their best. At Ramsden Infant School all children will learn to sing songs and play untuned and tuned instruments through our weekly music lessons. Instruments include claves, shakers, drums, tambourines, and glockenspiels. There is planned progression with Foundation Stage children playing untuned instruments. Discussions with children have demonstrated an increasing knowledge of key music vocabulary being recalled. Observations have shown all pupils engaged and active during lessons, including children with SEND. Additional information regarding the music intent at Ramsden Infant School can be found on the school’s website in the curriculum section.

## Part B: Co-curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

All children have the opportunity to perform in annual events such as a nativity performance, the Easter Service and at special events such as the Year 2 leavers' service, and when visiting local community areas (care homes).

- Children in Year 2 have the opportunity to be members of the School Choir. When allocating places priority is given to pupil premium children. School Choir alternates on a termly rota to allow the possibility for more children to attend.
- Children in Year 2 have the opportunity to join the school Recorder Club. When allocating places priority is given to pupil premium children. Recorders are provided by school, although children may bring their own.
- The school benefits from a range of rehearsal spaces including the school hall for larger ensembles, classroom space for Recorder Club or a quieter space when needed.
- We have access to the music room at Greengate Junior School, which is part of the transition process to year 3. Children get to explore a wide range of music activities and instruments; working alongside year 3 pupils and the 9 Music Ambassadors.

## Part C: Musical experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

Throughout the year, Ramsden Infants choir have been given the opportunity to join in outside school performances including:

- Choir performance at local care homes
- Barrow indoor market

The choir were also given the opportunity to attend 'A night at the musicals' where they showcased their songs from musical theatre and the West End. Besides the families attending, our school governors, local councillors, The Rotary club and The Mayor supported the event and this certainly raised the pupil's confidence when performing to a wider audience.

All children are given opportunities to perform throughout the year in

- Celebration performances (Harvest, Nativity, Easter Service)
- Class Assemblies
- Celebration Assemblies
- Events for Parents

As a whole school we are fortunate enough to liaise with the local Christian group 'Open the Book' and they hold whole school assemblies twice a term, telling Bible stories with pupil participation through acting and singing.

We encourage theatre visits to the local Forum Theatre. This allows pupils to see how a bigger production is put together and to also support the local amateur dramatic societies.

## In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

To further enrich the music offer to all children at Ramsden Infant School the school intends to:

- Provide the opportunity for all children to perform rehearsed songs from the Kapow scheme of learning to an audience in termly assembly performances. This will include singing and playing an instrument as part of a whole class ensemble.
- Have a half termly genre of music focus which the children will learn about, and listen to, during assembly time and during periods in the classroom.
- Provide the children with more opportunities to watch high quality live music performances
- Continue to provide all staff with CPD to continue to develop their confidence and subject knowledge.