WHAT WILL YOUR CHILD LEARN? YEAR 3 MUSIC



Pupils continue to develop their instrumental skills by learning how to play the recorder and reading staff notation. They develop their singing skills by learning to sing rounds 3-4-part and beginning to sing songs with simple harmonies. Pupils compose and improvise, and explore the history of western classical music composers.

Year 3 put on two performances during the year (Winter & Summer concerts).

Music Overview

SINGING

Singing songs pitching the voice accurately using dynamics p, mp, mf and f.

Singing rounds in 3-4 parts in 2, 3, and 4 time.

Following directions for start, stop, p, mp, mf and f, cresc. and dim.

Beginning to sing repertoire with simple second parts to introduce harmony.

Performing as a mass choir to an audience and communicate meaning.

Rehearsing and performing songs to an audience.

Performing actions to a song confidently in time with the music.

INSTRUMENTS: RECORDER

How to hold, blow and tongue correctly.

Playing the notes of the D major scale.

Playing with increasing accuracy and fluency, developing fine motor skills to play more challenging repertoire.

Playing songs in unison and simple 2-parts.

Playing songs with dynamics p, mp, mf, f.

Playing songs that have legato and staccato phrases and sections.

Rehearsing and performing songs to an audience.

COMPOSITION & IMPROVISATION

Improvising rhythms in 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4.

Improvising melodic patterns using step, leap, and jump pitch patterns.

Composing 2-4 bars rhythm and notate in 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4.

Combining rhythmic and staff notation by composing short pieces (2-4 bars) in 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4.

Improvising and composing using dynamics, p, mp, mf and f.

Performing compositions to each other and to the class.

LISTENING & APPRECIATION

Listening to music from the Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Modern periods.

Learning about the lives of key composers during the above periods.

Learning about instruments used and developed in these periods of history.

Describing the dynamics, timbre, tempo, texture, and instrumentation.

MUSICIANSHIP: MUSIC NOTATION

Introducing the stave, lines, spaces, and clef, using rhythm notation learnt in year 2 to show higher and lower notes.

Reading rhythm patterns using crotchet, minim, quaver (single and paired), minim, dotted minim, semibreve, semiquaver, & rests.

Beginning to read notation Do-Do = D major scale.

Recognising rhythm patterns and time signatures 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4.

Understanding tempo Fast (allegro), slow (adagio), medium (andante & moderato).

Understanding dynamics: p, mp, mf and f, cresc. and dim.

Understanding articulation signs: staccato (short), legato (smooth), fermata (Hold/pause)

Reading and following simple pitch patterns (intervals): step (2nd), leaps (3rd), small jumps (4th), big jumps (5th).

Beginning to follow & perform simple scores and maintain parts accurately.

MUSICIANSHIP: INDICATIVE FEATURES

- Rhythm Metre and tempo: Fast, slower, getting faster, getting slower, pulse beat
- Pitch and Melody: High, lower, higher, lower, ascending, descending, pitch patterns.
 - Structure & Form: call and response, question & answer, echo, ostinato, rounds.
 - Harmony: Drone 2-parts, round
 - Texture: Unison, layered, parts, solo
 - Dynamics & Articulation: staccato, legato, fermata, p, mp, mf, f.
 - Instrumental techniques.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities: Lunchtime Choir, Belleville Buzz Band, Recorder Advanced Club (Summer term), Let's Act (Drama / singing / musicals).