

WHAT WILL YOUR CHILD LEARN? YEAR 4 MUSIC

Pupils continue to develop their instrumental and musicianship through small group instrumental tuition by specialist tutors from Wandsworth Music Academy. Children participate in 10 lessons per term where the focus is learning how to play their chosen instrument as well as continuing to learn how to read staff notation. Children listen to a wide range of music from different genres and continue to develop their singing skills throughout the year.

Music Overview

INSTRUMENTAL

- Developing the basic skills required to play a musical instrument over time.
- Playing and performing melodies following staff notation within a defined range.
- Performing in unison and 2 or more parts from simple notation.
- Copying short melodic phrases using notes learnt and/or the pentatonic scale.
- Learning a repertoire of songs for a performance.
- Performing as an ensemble and orchestra to an audience.

MUSICIANSHIP & NOTATION

- Listening to a wide range of music and musicians on pupils' chosen instruments.
- Improvising simple rhythmic and melodic patterns on chosen instruments.
- Understanding the difference between minims, crotchets, quavers, and rests and sing or play them.
- Reading & performing pitch notation within a defined range.
- Following rhythmic scores and maintaining parts accurately with a sense of ensemble.
- Understanding dynamics and tempo linked to the pieces they are learning.

SINGING

- Warming-up and standing / sitting in the correct posture for singing.
- Singing songs in unison with increasing accuracy.
- Learning songs in unison and simple 2-parts to perform to an audience.
- Following directions/gestures of a conductor for stop, start, hold, louder and quieter.
- Perform songs in school performances.

INDICATIVE FEATURES

- PITCH & MELODY: High, low, higher, lower, melody, harmony, part, phrase.
- PULSE, RHYTHM & METRE: Bar, metre, faster (accel), slow (rit).
- TEXTURE: Solo, duets, ensemble, orchestra, accompaniment, drone
- DYNAMICS & ARTICULATION: Legato, Staccato, Crescendo, Diminuendo
- STRUCTURE & FORM: rounds, partner songs, unison, 2-parts, repetition, contrast.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities: Lunchtime Choir, Belleville Buzz Band, Orchestra (From Spring and Summer terms), Let's Act (musical Theatre & Drama club), 1:1 / paired instrumental lessons from Wandsworth Music (Spring and Summer terms – please see website for more details).