

Music development plan summary: Ling Moor Primary Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of local music hub	Lincolnshire Music Service

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.

Music is an integral part of life at Ling Moor Primary Academy. From listening to the Music of the Week in class with our friends, singing as we walk to and from assemblies or joining in with one of the lunchtime or afterschool activities, music has become one of the highlights of the day for students and staff alike.

Following the publication in 2022 of the government report 'The Power of Music to Change Lives' which set out the vision for musical education and how this can be achieved, staff at Ling Moor have been working to ensure that:

- Music is accessible to all children.
- All children are provided with a variety of musical opportunities and experiences both as a participant or as an observer / listener.

Planning for Music lessons is based on a spiral curriculum combining a range of resources including taught sessions from Lincolnshire Music Service, Sparkyard, First Thing Music and bespoke in house planning. This combination of resources enables us to deliver a curriculum that best supports the needs and interests of our pupils. Most year groups are taught by their class teachers with the exception of Year 5 and

EYFS who both receive lessons from LMS. (Year 5 whole class Brass and Woodwind and EYFS The Infant Music Programme (IMP)).

Across the school children have the opportunity to experience and develop their musical skills using a variety of instruments, explore different genres and develop their listening and appraising skills in a range of contexts.

Further information regarding our curriculum can be found on our website, including our Intent, Implementation and Impact statements.

<https://www.lingmooracademy.co.uk/page/?title=Music&pid=50>

In addition to their timetabled weekly lessons, all children attend a weekly singing assembly lasting approximately 20 minutes. Here the children develop their singing skills in a healthy and fun way, incorporating a range of styles and genres of song.

At Ling Moor, we work in close partnership with staff from LMS providing us with the opportunity to further develop our music curriculum. All CPD opportunities are embraced, and training disseminated to all staff. Support is in place for any staff as required to ensure they feel confident with the delivery of music.

SEND adaptations are in place to enable all of our students to access musical learning. These are reviewed on an individual basis as required.

We have a dedicated Music Subject Lead who works with other staff members both in school and across the trust. Opportunities are explored within the local area cluster groups for both musical development and performances. A 'Priory Proms' event has been planned for February 2025 with the aim to develop this in future years.

Music Ambassadors were appointed from all KS2 classes in the 2023 / 2024 school year to both assist the Music Lead and ensure that pupil voice is heard and considered. In September 2024, our first Minister for Music was appointed to our active school parliament.

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.

At Ling Moor we work with several local providers to deliver peripatetic music lessons. This is a paid for service, funded by parents who wish their children to learn an instrument. Currently we offer Piano and Guitar. Children work towards gaining levels and gradings. Currently both instruments availability is full with additional students on waiting lists.

Our partnership with Lincolnshire Music Service also enables us to offer individual and small group lessons in brass, woodwind, string and glockenspiel. LMS also provides weekly afterschool music clubs, a Ukulele club for approximately 6 Lower Key Stage 2 children and also 'Music Club', a general introduction to music for our youngest children in EYFS and Key Stage 1. This is regularly attended by 15 children.

Our inclusive school choir operates across both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 providing opportunities for ensemble singing. Choir rehearses weekly as a free afterschool club and is run in house by a small, dedicated team. Choir is open to all children in Years 1 – 6 and is regularly attended by at least 60 children.

A recent addition to our musical club offer is our Key Stage 2 Boys Singing Group which meet weekly during lunchtime. The club was established following discussions with the Music Ambassadors as an attempt to engage more boys in singing activities. This has proven to be a popular addition to our club offer and requests have been made for a similar group to be available in for Key Stage 1 pupils.

Makaton Choir is another recently formed lunchtime club providing the opportunity for children to learn another language and enable music to reach further into our community.

Termly opportunities for massed singing, often linked to festivals, harvest festival, Christmas services and Easter celebrations and singing as we enter and exit collective worship. Singing is regularly used in a cross curricular manner to support both new learning and retrieval practices.

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.

As stated, at Ling Moor we have a dedicated Music Subject Lead who work closely with other members of staff to advocate for music and musical activities at school. Senior leaders work in collaboration with the music lead and drive the development of music in school, emphasising the importance of the subject.

As part of our regular 'Music of the Week', children listen to a wide range of musical genres and artists. They use these sessions as an opportunity to develop and practice their listening and appraising skills, develop their use of technical vocabulary and share their own ideas and opinions. This in turn provides us with a valuable opportunity to increase the children's cultural capital.

Children in all phases have the opportunity to perform annually. EYFS perform both a simple nativity play and an end of year celebration showcasing their learning, including musical activities. Key Stage 1 children produce a Nativity / Christmas performance,

Year 3 and 4 a performance linked to curriculum during Term 4 and Year 6 hold an end of year performance. All of these productions are performed to parents (2 performances) and also the whole school, providing those children from different phases the opportunity to be an audience to a live production. Year 5 have the opportunity to perform to the whole school upon the completion of their whole class wider opportunities teaching unit provided by Lincolnshire Music Service.

Christmas provides the children with a wealth of musical opportunities both as a part of an audience and or as a performer. Children from the Key Stage 2 arm of the choir visit a local residential home to share Christmas Carols and songs with the residents and both Key Stage Choirs to part in a Christmas Sing to raise funds for our partner charity St Barnabus. The whole school come together to participate in a massed singing celebration which includes both traditional and modern pieces. Concerts are also organised by the peripatetic staff to showcase piano and guitar achievements.

The children also perform concerts to the whole school and parents / carers (2 separate events) in our Summer Music Celebration. This includes group performances from all Co-Curricular clubs and individual performances from those learning an instrument both in and out of school. This is a very popular event for our families and very much anticipated by all.

For the past 2 years, our Key Stage 2 choir have taken part in Singsation held by Lincolnshire Music Services and the singers from Strictly Come Dancing.

We also host an annual Musician in Residence Day where the whole school attend a performance assembly and targeted year groups engage in related workshops. Previous focus's have included Samba, Djembe and Japanese Taiko drumming. This year we have booked 54 North, a local folk music ensemble.

As a school, we regularly participate in free opportunities provided by the Lincolnshire Music Service such as a Beatboxing workshop.

We are extremely fortunate at Ling Moor to have a dedicated practice space available for lessons and also for the children to access during break times, lunchtime and after school as required.

In the future

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

- Continued exploration and development of assessment in musical learning posing the questions 'What does evidence of musical learning at Ling Moor look like and how is it captured?'

- Explore the opportunity and interest in providing Violin tuition using the performance by 54 North as a starting point. Look at the possibilities of providing both individual lessons and small group tuition.
- Staff training in music – 1 in house staff meeting to be timetabled focusing on listening and appraising skills.
- Further promote peripatetic music lessons for piano, guitar and instruments offered by Lincolnshire Music Service using showcase events as a starting point.
- Continue to develop relationships with other Music Subject leads within the Priory Federation of Academies Trust and organise shared events / experiences.
- Lincolnshire Music Services training opportunities to be identified for Subject Leader and EYFS staff to be attended and key messages to be disseminated to relevant staff.
- Explore offers and events from Lincolnshire Music Service for whole school / small group workshops and activities.
- Development of a 6 year cycle for Music of the Week exploring a range of Genres / themes and instrumental focusses.
- Continue developing the use of technical vocabulary across all key stages – to be explored during Music of the Week sessions and taught sessions.