



## Curriculum Intent Statement

### Music

At St George's Church of England School, our pupils will learn that music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. It is our intent that we make music an inspiring and enjoyable learning experience which develops the children's musical skills and knowledge. We encourage children to participate in a variety of musical experiences through which to develop a love of music and develop their talent as musicians, and in turn increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement.

Our teaching focuses on developing the children's ability to understand rhythm and follow a beat through performing on a range of musical instruments. By singing songs, children learn about the structure and organisation of music. We teach them to listen and to appreciate different forms of music across different time periods, cultures and traditions. This supports children to understand the cultural capital of being open minded in their listening as well as knowledgeable about a breadth of musical genres in the world today. The children learn to appreciate how music supports other areas of the curriculum such as dance and drama.

Children develop descriptive language skills in music lessons when learning about how music can represent different feelings, emotions and narratives. We also teach technical vocabulary such as volume, pitch, beat and rhythm and encourage children to discuss music using these terms. As pupils progress, they should develop a critical engagement with music, allowing them to compose and to listen with confidence.

#### Aims

- In music, pupils learn to listen carefully, fine tuning their auditory skills and developing their ability to evaluate and appraise.
- Music increases pupils' confidence through self-expression and performance, as well as providing a sense of achievement.
- Music provides pupils with a range of vocabulary to describe the features of different musical styles and genres and articulate their responses to these.
- Music encourages teamwork, helping build relationships by providing pupils with shared experiences.
- Pupils demonstrate perseverance, persistence and discipline as they develop their musical skills.
- Music helps pupils to appreciate and understand a wide range of traditions and cultures.
- Pupils learn how music is created, produced and communicated, through the elements e.g. pitch, timbre.
- Music provides pupils with the opportunity to use technology appropriately, to enhance and communicate their own compositions and performances.

- Having the opportunity to play musical instruments helps pupils to develop self-discipline and improve memory.
- As a universal language, music enables children to break down barriers and enables communication.
- Music allows pupils to express their feelings and ideas through composition and performance.
- Through learning about different historical periods, including genres famous composers and musicians, pupils understand the importance of music's place in society.