

The Wider Curriculum

At Viridis we offer a range of exciting music activities for children to take part in involving a range of visitors, such as: Apollo music, who are a team of orchestral musicians, that open our children's eyes to the broader world of music.

As part of our clubs programme we offer music activities, including Choirs, Samba Band and Orchestras.

Viridis has a wide variety of musical activities outside of the curriculum. Children also have the chance to learn musical instruments in school, such as guitar and drums, and perform at annual events such as Autumn and Easter Celebration Assemblies and the annual Federation Festival of music.



The Curriculum

At Viridis we cover a wide and varied music curriculum. Children learn about key music skills including listening, performance, composition and appraisal. Below are some of the topics that will be covered by each year group through the school year:

Year 1

Children will learn about singing and performance, percussion instruments and listening skills.

Year 2

Children will learn about improvisation and composition and be introduced to graphic notation.

Year 3

Children will build upon their improvisation and composition skills. They will also start to learn about standard music notation.

Year 4

Children will compose using standard notation and improve their evaluation and listening skills. They will also learn about samba.

Year 5

Children will learn instrumental performance skills including the recorder and the ukulele.

Year 6

Children will learn about music technology including using the GarageBand app. They will also learn about African Drumming.



Music



How We Learn in Music

Music is taught weekly to each class by our specialist music teachers, who also lead weekly singing assemblies for every class and plays a key role in organising extra-curricular music such as choir and bands.

Each class, from Nursery to Year 6, partakes in a half an hour weekly singing assembly. In singing assemblies we work on vocal warm ups, practising known songs and learning songs to sing as a group.

We cover a wide range of genres in singing assembly from rock and roll, pop songs and traditional songs.

The work children do in music lessons is documented through pictures, written activities and sound files/videos. These are recorded in special books for each year group and show children's progression from the start of a unit of work through to the end.



Inclusion in Music

All lessons taught at Viridis are planned using our key skills curriculum. This ensures that children acquire and develop age-appropriate skills as they move up the school. The key skills document enables teachers to differentiate lessons and outcomes to meet the needs of all children, including those with special education needs or who are very talented.



"Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent."

Victor Hugo

Cultural Diversity and Music

We are privileged to have children from a wide range of cultures within the Viridis schools, and we aim to reflect this in our music provision. The termly themes provide topics for music. Many of these themes refer to different cultures and countries, so the music activities the children partake in reflect this.

We also provide opportunities for children to learn about and play instruments from different cultures. We are fortunate to have a wide range of instruments from other cultures, such as djembes (African drums) and a 20 piece Samba kit.

