



EXPLORING MUSIC

Intent • Implementation • Impact

Pembridge is a school where we encourage everyone to be **inspired** through faith in God and to live by Christian values so that our **teaching and learning** is of the highest quality, our whole community **flourishes** and we reflect all that is worthy of **praise**.

INTENT	How does music inspire our children?	Children are surrounded by music which has the effect to calm or energise in equal measure! By giving them the knowledge and skills to understand and use music, we will inspire creativity and self-expression. We encourage our children on their musical journeys by giving them opportunities to connect with others through listening, composing, playing and evaluating. We hope to foster a life-long love of music by exposing them to diverse musical experiences and igniting a passion for music. It is well-known that singing together relieves stress, brings enjoyment and encourages togetherness – all good for our school family. During their years with us, we aim to build that enthusiasm and confidence to share their musical skill in performance whether in class or to a wider audience.	
IMPLEMENTATION	How is our teaching and learning in music organised?	A two-year rolling programme ensures that music skills, knowledge and understanding are built on and developed as children progress through the school. In each year, children have three questions which lead them to perform, compose and appraise music in different ways. They take inspiration from a song (or other piece of music) and take an integrated approach to learning which includes activities related to listening, singing, playing, improvising and composing. We use objectives from Focus Education® which help children to develop their ability to sing and play instruments with increasing confidence and control. They also become more able to use notation and composition alongside organising ideas and musical structures. We also make full use of Sing Up to help structure and inspire our teaching and learning. Our learning behaviours are interwoven with these so that we enable children to engage in the subject with growing independence and curiosity.	
IMPACT	How does music help our children to flourish and be worthy of praise?	Our school has a strong reputation for enjoying singing, visiting the Royal Three Counties Show and Hereford Cathedral to share our songs with passion! We often take a large number of children each year to sing with 5000 others and to experience music from different cultures and styles. Our children enthusiastically explain what aspects of music excite them and many talk confidently about the choices they make when composing music of their own. A number of children have additional lessons which contribute to their knowledge of music. We take pride in using our musical skills alongside drama to perform in front of audiences who are very appreciative of how this enriches our wider curriculum.	