Music at Monken Hadley

Curriculum Intent

The National Curriculum for music aims to ensure that all children:

- perform, listen to, review and evaluate music;
- be taught to sing, create and compose music;
- understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated.

At Monken Hadley we want children to gain a firm understanding of what music is through listening, singing, playing, evaluating, analysing, and composing across a wide variety of styles, traditions, and musical genres. We aim to develop a curiosity for the subject, as well as an understanding and acceptance of the importance of all types of music. We are committed to ensuring children understand the value and importance of music in the wider community and are able to use their musical skills, knowledge, and experiences to involve themselves in music, in a variety of different contexts. We endeavour to expose our children to a wide range of opportunities to perform and share their musical experiences.

Curriculum Implementation

The music curriculum is delivered through a combination of a structured music scheme of work (Charanga), which ensures progression of skills and knowledge across the school. Music at Monken Hadley is further enhanced through our weekly singing collective worship, choir and whole class music lessons in years 3 and 6. As part of the curriculum, we teach children to use correct music vocabulary and to analyse a range of music. Wherever possible, we link our music sessions to the class topic enabling children to develop their knowledge further via cross-curricular links.

Regular music concerts are held and children are invited to participate in music performances. At Monken Hadley we also offer opportunities for all children to learn a musical instrument if they so wish.

Curriculum Impact

At Monken Hadley the essence of our curriculum is curiosity and our aim is that children will leave us being curious and inspired by music. We want children to have a wide range of musical experiences, to have opportunities to develop their self confidence through learning new skills or performing in front of others. In finding out about a wide variety of music, children learn about other cultures as well as different tastes in music. This helps develop children's understanding of the wider world and tolerance. We hope that by having an opportunity to explore music at school, children may develop an aptitude, joy and interest which they take with them beyond Monken Hadley.