



‘Spurring each other on with love’

Statement of Intent for Music at Bickleigh Down (CE Aided) Primary School

Intent

At Bickleigh Down, we aim to create a passion for music in our children that will stay with them all their lives. We want to ensure that music is an inspiring and engaging experience that enables every child to develop their musical potential and develop an appreciation of the value of music that is deeply personal to them. We want children to have a curiosity for the subject and a respect for the role that music plays in our lives.

At Bickleigh Down, we endeavour to provide a variety of musical experiences through a curriculum which develops learning, improves knowledge and promotes pupil well-being through building up the confidence of all children. Every child at Bickleigh Down performs what they have learnt as part of our annual whole school music concert.

Music can impact the way that children feel, think and act; we want music to encourage the body and mind to work together, develop motor skills and allow self-expression.

A musician from Bickleigh Down will be able to:

- Develop a love and appreciation of music.
- Make judgements and express personal preferences about the quality and style of music.
- Listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of genres, styles, cultures and historical periods.
- Create and compose music both individually and collaboratively.
- Develop an ability to understand pulse, rhythm, structure and organisation.
- Be given opportunities to play a wide variety of instruments, both tuned and un-tuned.
- Read and write musical notation.
- Have knowledge of and use a range of musical vocabulary to discuss the interrelated dimensions of music and develop descriptive language skills.
- Sing in tune using voices to create different effects.
- Take part in performances with an awareness of audience.
- Display a deep understanding of our school values by listening to, interpreting and expressing themselves through music.
- Explore the musical heritage, tradition and culture of our country.

As a Church school, our values are at the heart of everything we do. We want our children to show their understanding of those values through music and to use music as a tool to become courageous advocates, highlighting issues that are important to them. At Bickleigh Down, music plays an important part in helping children feel part of a community. We want to ensure children understand the value and importance of music in the wider community and encourage them to use their musical skills, knowledge and experience to share music with others and to involve others in music.