

Music Development Plan:

Rock It Music Projects Ltd already cover each and every topic in the National Curriculum for Music (see music skills progression)

As a by-product of Rock It lessons on a range of instruments from around the world, schools have ready-made bands and choirs, available and prepared to perform at outside and community functions. These include: Keyboard Orchestra, Ukulele Group, Djembe Band and Steel band.

- In 2024-25, our key stage 1 and 2 students will enjoy music lessons with a member of the Rock It team. Should the lessons last less than one hour, the class teacher will liaise with the music specialist in delivering supplementary classroom-based lessons, focusing on history, listening and theory/notation.
- Rock It lessons take place across a wide range of instruments during the academic year. These include keyboard, drum kit, glockenspiel, steel drum, ukulele as standard, with options for extra sessions on tongue drums and African djembe.
- Singing is an integral part of classroom-based music. Children will sing in *every* lesson delivered by our visiting music specialist.
- As a result of class singing and through coordinated efforts in terms of repertoire, the school will develop a choir, capable of performing at special events and ending termly concerts with a mass choir item.
- An after-school music club will offer unique musical experiences to our children. The range of instruments will still be varied and wide, but students will have the opportunity to specialise and further their studies on an instrument of their choice.
- During the next academic year, small group instrumental lessons will be offered to students in key stages 1 and 2. Initially, these lessons will be offered on rhythm section instruments (keyboard, piano, guitar, drums), but with a view to reviewing the success of the initiative and offering other instruments at a later date (flute. Clarinet).
- Instruments may be taken home to facilitate practise. Children receiving small group instrumental lessons will also be allowed practise time in school and break and lunch times. There is an instrument loan scheme in place for children taking part in small group music tuition (in some cases, instruments are provided and no extra cost).
- Concerts will take place in school at the end of every term. These will be led by RMP Ltd staff and may take various forms, from a formal concert to parents, to impromptu performances on steel drums at the school gates. Performance opportunities will be embraced and encouraged at every opportunity, including those in the wider community and for celebrations throughout the year.

- Rock It Music Projects Ltd offer a 'live' music experience entirely free of charge. This takes the form of an interactive assembly. Children will benefit from seeing and hearing professional musicians demonstrating their skills and encouraging audience participation. This will happen each and every academic year.
- At the end of the academic year, children will have the opportunity to take an externally assessed ensemble examination. This will be administered by MUSXCEL UCS. An examiner will visit school and assess the musical performance of the children across a range of six levels, ranging from Step 1 to Level 4. These levels are based on standards published in the National Qualification Framework, with all children receiving an individual certificate to celebrate and recognise their achievement.

MUSICAL EXPERIENCES

- The school steel band and choir will endeavour to take part in local carnivals and celebration events throughout the year. We also offer our band and choir to local care homes and societies, and are happy to collaborate with other groups in performing together.
- In partnership with Rock It Music, we will be holding a celebration festival day in summer 2025. We will have four performing arts areas around our field. Students from our school, along with those from other local schools, will take part in music and dance workshops.