



Performing Arts incl. Music - Vision St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

The Arts is essential in delivering our mission statement; "Through respect, we will work together, in Christ, to develop the whole person." Our vision of the Arts and the value we place in them enables pupils to reach their full potential, allowing them to become socially, morally, emotionally, intellectually, spiritually and culturally integrated members of society. As the Arts stimulate creativity and imagination they provide a unique way of understanding and responding to the world, equipping children with a better understanding of the world they live in and enabling them to communicate their experience. We provide many opportunities for all children to create, play and perform and develop the skills necessary to appreciate a wide variety of art forms. Through experiencing the Arts, children are given the opportunity to enhance their creativity, self-esteem and confidence in a challenging and collaborative environment.

Aims, Objectives and Impact

- To develop the whole person
- To challenge, create and collaborate
- To develop creativity and imagination through a range of complex activities.
- To improve the children's ability to control materials, tools, instruments and techniques.
- To increase their critical awareness of the Arts in different times and cultures.

- To develop increasing confidence in the Arts.
- To foster an enjoyment and appreciation of the Arts and a knowledge of artists.
- To develop a range of subject-specific skills, such as understanding how music is made through a variety of interrelated dimensions and that it can be composed and written down.

Creative Projects and Partnerships including, but not limited to:

- Music lessons delivered by Music specialist Rosy Smith, including Choir and Ukulele club
- Arts Award
- Continued partnership with Resonate, including the annual iSing event at Liverpool Philharmonic
- Reception, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two Christmas nativity

COVID-19 Statement: Following the closure of schools to the majority of children during the Covid-19 pandemic, we set-up a dual Music curriculum for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. A page to support Music home learning was created on the school website, focusing on singing skills and body percussion so to be accessible to all children, regardless of what, if any, musical instruments they have at home. Those children attending the hub have received weekly Music lessons with Miss Smith, St Matthew's peripatetic Music teacher, which have also focused on singing, song-writing and the interrelated dimensions of music.

Moving forward, into the 2021-2022 academic year, the woodwind instruments (recorders) have been replaced with stringed instruments (ukuleles) to help slow the spread of germs. We have also brought in a focus on singing to help plug the gaps in vocal learning that have arisen due to COVID restrictions.

