

Music at Beormund

"One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain."

Bob Marley

"Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. A high quality music education should engage and inspire pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, and so increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement." (National curriculum, 2013)

Music is an integral part of the Beormund community. We ensure that our environment is inviting, by playing music to welcome the pupils into the school in the mornings and in the classrooms throughout the day. We use music to stimulate their senses and we play a variety of music from different cultures and genres on a regular basis throughout sessions during the day.

Our pupils continue to respond positively and we can see the effects in their attitudes to work and their increased motivation in lessons. Music most definitely uplifts our pupils and it is an effective tool to calm, settle and a means to express themselves. They do this through singing, dancing and performances. This shows us that they are growing in confidence, overcoming barriers and starting to use music as a means of communication.

We have singing assemblies once a week, where children sing together as a choir, enjoying and expressing themselves as a community and coming together to learn and achieve.

Our aims for Music at Beormund are to: -

- ensure that our curriculum is culturally relevant and reflective of our children and the school community
- encourage an appreciation of different genres, styles, traditions from around the world and range of different historical periods
- promote positive attitudes and enthusiasm for music
- encourage pupils to learn to sing and use their voices to create and compose music individually and collaboratively
- provide opportunities to listen and appraise different pieces of music
- promote a confident, positive attitude towards the learning and use of Music, making it an enjoyable and fun experience

Curriculum

We are currently using the Southwark Music Service to deliver our music lessons and we use the National Curriculum Music Programme of Study to underpin our lessons. Additionally, every term we will explore a featured artist/ensemble to develop a wider appreciation of music and artists from different cultures.

The sessions enable our pupils to develop the ability to:-

- Recognise and use pentatonic scales
- Read rhythm notation
- Create, perform and analyse compositions
- Perform rhythmic and cyclic patterns
- Compose, sing and play music
- Explore music through singing games, painting with sound, adapting and performing playground songs and using tuned instruments.

Links to sites:

Southwark Music Service <https://www.southwarkmusicservice.org.uk/>

Hamilton Trust <https://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk/blog/study-music-and-musicians-ks1-and-ks2/>

<https://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk/>

Oak Academy <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-1/subjects/music>

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-2/subjects/music>

BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z9xhfg8>