

## Think Like a musician



- Music is fun!
- Playing or singing in a group gives you a create feeling of community and is good for your whole well-being.
- We learn about music through making music. Rhythm and singing games, practical activities, playing instruments, listening and singing will make us musicians.
- Learning to play and instrument or sing gives you activities you can develop and enjoy throughout your life.
- There are many different types of music you can listen to and enjoy.

## Musicianship

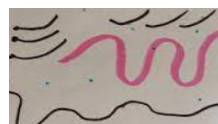
Beat and rhythm are developed through practical activities and listening projects.



Notation – notation skills are built sequentially and are developed through practical activities and music making.



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## Golden Threads



### Diversity

The music we listen to and use as our starting points for further work is chosen to reflect our diverse community. We ensure that children see themselves represented across a broad range of musical genres.

## Singing

The songs we sing in class music follow a progression beginning in the early years of school with simple songs with a small pitch range and culminating in children being able to sing a song with different parts.

## Listening

Active listening projects teach children to focus their listening skills and develop a vocabulary to allow them to discuss what they are hearing. Music is drawn from different cultures, traditions and periods. Learning is deepened by revisiting pieces heard in earlier years.



## Composing and Improvising

Children will compose as a whole class, as groups and individually. They use body percussion, tuned percussion, un-tuned percussion, the instrument they are learning and music technology to compose and improvise on.



**Singing** is integral to every music unit we teach.

**Whole School:** Weekly whole school singing allows children to build up a repertoire of songs and gives them the feeling of togetherness and community which comes from singing in a big group.

**Choir:** Children in KS2 may join the Carrington Choir. This choir joins with choirs from other schools to perform together at large events in the city.

## Whole class ensemble

Children in Year 4 all have weekly lessons on the clarinet. In Years 5 and 6 they can continue these lessons or they can join class music lessons, developing similar skills but using tuned percussion, garage band or other instruments they play.



## Developing your skills on an instrument at Carrington

Children may choose to have additional music lessons on an instrument of their choice. Regular concerts are held in school for children to perform in. Children also often perform at the start and close of an assembly allowing them to develop their confidence as performers and providing inspiration for others.

## Performing

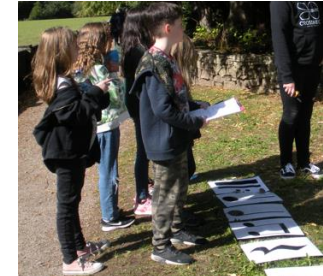
All children take part in musical performances throughout their time at Carrington. Many of these, Christmas Shows, Seasonal music festivals, take place in school.

Year 4 also take each year in the Great Orchestra Experiment in which they perform alongside the Robin Hood Youth Orchestra – the Orchestra they may progress into. This orchestra has contained pupils who started their musical journey at Carrington.



## Music Camp

Every year there is the opportunity for pupils to attend music camp, two days of playing and learning notation skills in the Derbyshire countryside, finishing with a monster band performance.



## Area Band, Rock Steady and other ensembles

Rocksteady is available for children throughout school. Older children can also join Area Band. Area Band is our weekly after school orchestra led by staff from the music service and supported by school staff. Children learn music which they then perform as part of larger groups in concerts all over Nottingham.

