

## What is Music?

Music is one of the four creative subjects, the other three being Art, Design & Technology and Drama.



### Foundation Stage:

The teaching of Music fits into the Creative curriculum area. Children explore the sounds that percussion instruments make and sing songs. The children have various opportunities to perform throughout the year.

### Key Stage 1:

Music is taught weekly in class and through whole school singing assemblies. There are opportunities to perform throughout the year and at regular performances.

## The Aims of Music



There are **four** main aims when teaching music:

1. Children will listen to and respond to sounds and music. Giving their opinions and preferences.
2. Children will explore musical instruments and develop skills in changing the sounds they make.
3. Children will make their own music and begin to think about how to write it down to be performed by others.
4. Children will be confident to perform creative music and drama.

## The Music Curriculum

This is a very brief overview of the main themes which children in Years 1 and 2 cover:

### Year 1:

- Identifying changing sounds and use different sounds expressively
- To discriminate between long and short sounds
- Recognise the difference between a steady beat and a rhythm
- To discriminate between high and low sounds
- To name and know how to play a variety of percussion instruments

### Year 2:

- Use long and short sounds to create interesting sequences
- To perform keeping a steady beat
- Create simple melodic patterns with high and low sounds
- To play a variety of percussion instruments
- To develop children's ability to use instruments and sounds to create music

## How can you help?

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Here are some ways in which you can support your child learn about Music when having fun:

- Give your child lots of opportunities to listen to different styles of music
- Talk about what the children can hear when they listen to music. How does it make them feel, why? What does he/she like about it? What instruments can be heard?
- Encourage your child to clap and move in time to music
- Sing lots of different songs and rhymes
- Allow your child to make music with instruments or voice.



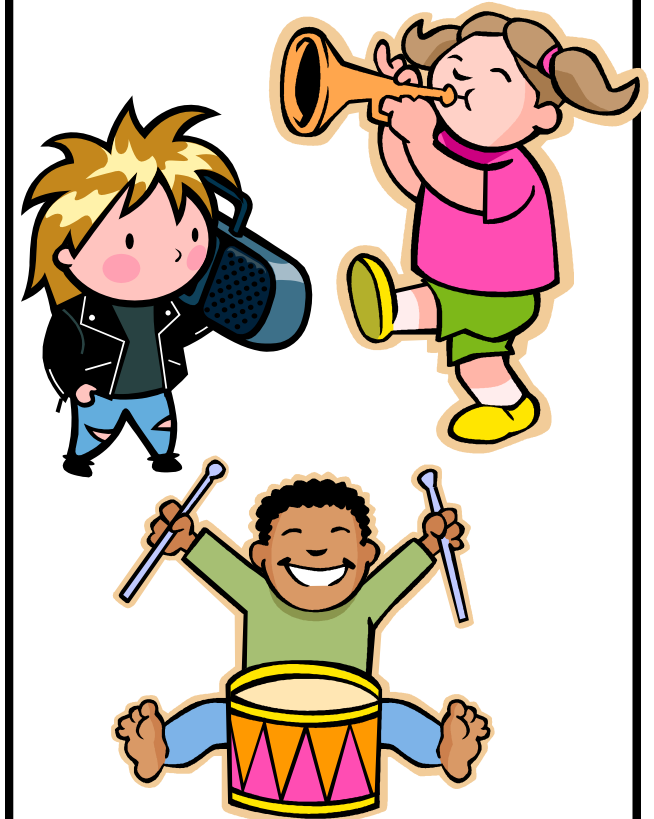
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This leaflet aims to give you a brief overview of Music at Summerhill Infant School