

# Curriculum Intent

Music	
<i>"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything." - Plato</i>	
<b>Why should children learn this subject?</b>	<p>Music plays an important part in all our lives. It is something we experience on a daily basis and defines us culturally. Music can invoke emotional responses- it can both calm and soothe, or stimulate and excite. Music engages us and holds our attention and interest. It allows us to relate to others and provides us with shared experiences.</p> <p>Recent studies have demonstrated that engagement with music can accelerate brain development in relation to the acquisition of language and reading skills, and that learning to play an instrument can increase mathematical learning. The benefits of music go beyond the academic however, enabling children to develop skills of communication, team-work, resilience, concentration and confidence.</p>
<b>What will children learn to do in this subject?</b>	<p>At Brackenwood Junior School, children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen attentively to and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions.</li> <li>• Develop the skills required to perform music accurately and expressively in solo and ensembles across a variety of styles.</li> <li>• Learn to sing with others in unison, harmony and rounds.</li> <li>• Have the opportunity to play a musical instrument.</li> <li>• Learn about the different elements of music including pitch, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture and structure.</li> <li>• Develop their understanding of musical notation and begin to read music.</li> <li>• Have opportunities to create and compose their own music.</li> <li>• Develop an understanding of the history of music and its importance to different cultures and in different eras.</li> </ul>
<b>How will we inspire them?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing opportunities for children to perform at school-related events.</li> <li>• Finding opportunities for children to perform to other audiences within the local and wider community.</li> <li>• Providing opportunities for children to listen to a range of live music from different partners and providers.</li> <li>• Providing children with opportunities to attend musical venues such as the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Hall.</li> <li>• Giving children opportunities for making music with others in school through choir and instrumental ensembles.</li> <li>• Providing children with an opportunity to play a musical instrument</li> <li>• Ensuring that provision is in place for children to develop to a higher level if this is something they choose to pursue.</li> <li>• Providing children with opportunities to sing together on a weekly basis.</li> </ul>
<b>Local and Cultural Links</b>	<p>Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Sing the Christmas Story Bebington and Bromborough Annual Music Festival Wirral Grammar School for Boys Music Concert The Beatles</p>

