



Provision for SEN and more able in Music

Introduction:

Music at Westacre strives to develop and promote the school values of inspire, challenge, achieve. As a subject that is individual and different from the rest, there are plenty of opportunities for children to shine and develop their own musical identity, with music being an inclusive subject.

SEN

Within Music there are opportunities for SEN pupils to take the lead with no extra pressure of written work to do necessarily. In-class performance opportunities can give these children a chance to demonstrate their achievements in a non-judgemental environment.

Additionally, for those SEN and other children, there are opportunities for children to develop their fine and gross motor skills (through learning recorder, steel pan drums and keyboard) over their time at Westacre. Additionally, music helps children to develop hand-eye coordination, maths skills, comprehension and reading.

For those children who need extra support with their emotional wellbeing, music lessons are a chance for these children to have an alternative outlet in comparison to those core lessons. This could be through listening to a wide range of music as well as improvising and composing. The small groups of other children who they may not normally be familiar with, but work better with, within the class give children the chance to develop their communication skills.

Music lessons can also be adapted for SEN with extra notation resources and different instruments and also differentiated tasks through extra support within lessons, where appropriate. Children are able to identify what they are good and need extra support with and are able to make choices to help themselves. Positive feedback is always essential for these children to progress and develop their musical skills, all children have the chance to achieve within music lessons.

More able

Alongside opportunities for SEN children to flourish, more able children are also catered for. Outside of lessons, children have opportunities to join the school choir, which in itself has performance prospects within the local community as well as in school assemblies. Furthermore, Westacre offers individual provision for guitar,

keyboard/piano and drums. Children's progress with these are celebrated during lessons.

Within class, more able children are able to lead the class in musical warm-ups in addition to directing the small groups they work with, helping to develop all children's musical vocabulary and subject knowledge as well as promoting musical independence in these children. Careers are referred to within lessons to widen the children's horizons of what is out there for them as capable musicians. Moreover, G&T children are challenged with notation reading in class, an important skill for the budding musician. Positive encouragement from teacher's is an essential part of spurring on these G&T children to show them they are making progress and achieving within lessons.