



Music at Litton CE Primary School

At Litton CE Primary School children gain an understanding of what music is through listening, singing, playing, evaluating, analysing, and composing across a variety of historical periods, styles, traditions, and musical genres. We are committed to developing a curiosity for the subject, as well as an understanding and acceptance of the validity and importance of all types of music, and an unbiased respect for the role that music may have in any person's life.

Intent

Our aim is to provide a high-quality music education that engages and inspires children to develop a love of music and nurtures their talent as musicians.

The music curriculum at Litton provides all children with a range of musical experiences which ensures everyone gets an opportunity to explore and develop new skills. We aim for music making to be a fun and an inclusive learning experience, through which we can build up their enjoyment of music, self-confidence and sense of achievement. Our teaching focuses on developing the children's ability to:

- sing in tune and with other people
- play tuned and untuned musical instruments with increasing control, fluency and expression
- compose, improvise and perform
- listen critically to a wide range of music from different periods, genres, styles and traditions.

Implementation

We use a combination of the Charanga scheme (endorsed by the Derbyshire Music Partnership), ABRSM Classroom 200 and Music Express to facilitate whole class music making and to also explore a full range of musical genre. As children progress through the school they will increasingly understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated through the interrelated dimensions of music: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and musical notation. Music lessons are linked to the national curriculum and are taught in weekly hands-on lessons.

We are proud that many of the children learn an instrument in KS2 and are actively encouraged to perform in assemblies. There are opportunities to perform to an audience at different points in the year and the children are encouraged to participate in this aspect of musical production. There are opportunities to join and sing in the school choir and take part in a range of music ensembles in school and at Litton Church.