









Ashdene Primary School Music Curriculum

Purpose of Study	Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. It offers life-long opportunities for the development of pupils' imagination, sensitivity, creativity, risk-taking and enjoyment. Taking part in activities involving composing, performing, listening and responding develops pupils' self-confidence, sense of achievement and helps to foster a love and appreciation of music.					
Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions including the works of the great composers and musicians. To learn to sing and use their voices creatively and with increasing confidence. To explore ways of using sound and composing with appropriate technology, the voice and a widening range of musical instruments. To understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated showing an awareness of the musical elements: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations. 					
Curriculum Design	The Ashdene Music Curriculum is taught by a specialist teacher and provides students with the opportunity to learn an instrument including the Irish tin whistle, recorder, dood (junior clarinet), Jsax (junior saxophone), ukulele, guitar and clarinet. Students are able to develop their skills in singing, performing, composing and listening and appraising learning by rote, using technology and reading and understanding traditional notation. Lessons are sequenced to build on prior learning with each lesson containing clearly defined knowledge to revisit.					
Personal development links						
	RESPECT	SMSC	Rights Respecting	British Values	Jigsaw	Trips and Visits

Topic Overview by Year Group

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	HT1	HT2	HT3	HT4	HT5	HT6
Reception	Musical Rhymes Autumn	Stories Environmental Sounds Christmas	Rhythm and Pulse	Pitch and Timbre	Horses and Ponies Fairy Tales	Animal Sounds
Year 1	Clocks Halloween	People at Work Jingle Bells			Penny Whistle	Penny Whistle
Year 2			Cats	Food	Recorder	Recorder
Year 3	Dood	Dood	Ukulele	Ukulele		
Year 4			Dood	Dood	Ukulele	Ukulele The Blues
Year 5	JSax	JSax	Guitar	Guitar		
Year 6	Clarinet	Clarinet			Guitar	Guitar