

Music plays a valuable part in our learning here at Epsom Primary and Nursery School, both within the curriculum as well as outside of the classroom. Pupils will perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a wide range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions.

At Epsom Primary & Nursery School, we want children to embrace the opportunities on offer to develop their musical skills and talents whether this be in singing, dancing, performing or creating music. Through these events, children can build positive relationships by listening to and working collaboratively with their peers, increase their own self-esteem and confidence by learning to play an instrument or enjoying the experience of performing to others. It allows them to have pride in their own creativity, and develop an understanding of different cultures by appreciating music from other societies.

Here at Epsom Primary School, we teach music using a scheme of work called Kapow, Kapow offers a comprehensive music education from Reception to Years 6 with full national curriculum coverage. The units of work offer cross curricular themes with other subjects helping the children to link their knowledge. Kapow focuses on active learning to engage the children so they can develop their skills and musical knowledge.

The aims of music teaching are to enable all children 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
- learn to sing and use their voices
- have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument
- use technology appropriately
- create and compose music on their own or with others
- understand and explore how music is created
- understand and appreciate different cultures through music

We believe that music enriches the lives of people, and so we wish to involve as many children as possible in musical activities. We offer a Singing Club for Reception to Year 2 where children learn to sing a range of fun and active songs, and a junior choir for Years 3-6, where the songs become more challenging but still fun! These clubs meet on a weekly basis and, although the primary aim is to enable children to enjoy singing together, it gives the children various opportunities to perform in public throughout the year, for example at the Christmas church service, Dorking Halls and the Epsom and Ewell Music Festival.

We offer a wide range of instrumental lessons here at Epsom Primary School, including violin, piano and concert band instruments such as trumpet and clarinet, taught by external teachers. The concert band meets once a week and has regular performances as part of music assemblies to celebrate their achievements. These children also have an opportunity to perform at different events such as the Epsom Christmas Lights Switch on, the Summer Fair, as well as during assemblies or to entertain parents in the playground.

If you are interested in learning a new instrument or joining the concert band, please visit:

<https://www.epsomprimaryschool.co.uk/creative-arts>