

## **Music**

Music plays a valuable part in learning 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 and 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.

We teach music using a comprehensive scheme of work called 'Charanga', which allows pupils to complete musical tasks at home through their own 'YUMU' login. Charanga helps to develop a wide range of skills including the recognition of pitch, rhythm, timbre, dynamics and texture. The topics are handpicked to suit children from Reception through to Year 6 with clear progression. Skills are then taught and built on over a series of lessons, focussing on listening, appraising, composing and performing.

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

We believe that music enriches the lives of people, and so we wish to involve as many children as possible in musical activities. We have two school choirs, an infant choir for Years 1-3 and a junior choir for Years 4-6, where we encourage all children to join. The choirs meet on a weekly basis and, although its 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 such as violin, piano and concert band instruments like trumpet and clarinet. The concert band meets once a week and have 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, and 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>