



Music

Intent

At the Wye Forest Federation, we aim to make music an enjoyable learning experience. We encourage children to participate in a variety of musical experiences through which we develop the confidence of all learners. The Forest of Dean is steeped in music, from brass bands to choirs and the children are encouraged to participate in and enjoy the culture of music in the community to which they belong, as well as the wider, diverse world. Children gain a strong understanding of what music is through listening, singing, playing, evaluating, analysing, and composing across a wide variety of historical periods, styles, traditions, and musical genres. We are committed to ensuring children understand the value and importance of music in the wider community, and are able to use their musical skills, knowledge, and experiences to involve themselves in music, in a variety of different contexts. The music curriculum at the Wye Forest Federation enables children to develop knowledge and skills that interlink to other curriculum areas and is used to promote spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development as well as developing their communication and musical skills. Our four drivers; Belonging, Independence, Diversity and Active Adventure are at the heart of our learning at the Wye Forest Federation.

Implementation

At Wye Forest Federation we deliver a clear and comprehensive scheme of work in line with the National Curriculum through the software programme 'Charanga'. The programme caters for all ages of throughout both Key Stage 1 and 2. This is supplemented with the learning of music in assemblies and through clubs, ensuring that all the children have a broad experience of musical genre and composers. Children are actively involved in using and developing their singing voices, using body percussion and whole-body actions, and learn to play classroom instruments effectively to create and express their own and others' music. Through a range of whole class, group and individual activities, children have opportunities to explore sounds, listen, compose and perform. During music lessons, children will learn music specific vocabulary in a meaningful context and they will be given opportunities to apply skills learnt and collaborate through composition. Children have access to learning an instrument throughout their time at Wye Forest Federation and the close ties we have with Gloucestershire Music and outside musicians, serve to enrich their musical learning experience.

Impact

The integral nature of music and the learner creates an enormously rich palette from which children may access fundamental abilities such as: achievement, self-confidence, interaction with and awareness of others, and self-reflection. Children will develop and learn the vocabulary of music enabling them to deepen their subject knowledge and communication skills. Music will also develop an understanding of different cultures and history, both in relation to students individually, as well as ethnicities from across the world. Children are able to enjoy music, in as many ways as they choose-either as listener, creator or performer. They can dissect music and comprehend its parts. They can sing and feel a pulse. They have an understanding of how to further develop skills less known to them, should they ever develop an interest in their lives and gain a positive sense of well-being and belonging through collaborative work and performances.

