



Music

Our Vision for Music

At Ribbon Academy, we believe that all children deserve to enjoy learning and excel wherever their strengths may lie.

Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity.

At Ribbon, we provide opportunities for all children to create, play, perform and enjoy music, to develop the skills to appreciate a wide variety of musical forms, and to begin to form judgements about music.

In addition to being a significant stand-alone subject, music can be integrated into the rest of the curriculum. We aim to create meaningful cross-curricular links; thereby enhancing and deepening learning experiences.

We aim to expose all children to as many different of genres as possible, therefore on a weekly basis we review music from all over the world.

At Ribbon we enjoy celebrating the successes of **all** of our pupils. Therefore we aim to provide inclusive musical opportunities for all of our children, in order to ensure the spectrum is as broad as possible.

By the end of their Ribbon learning journey, we aim to ensure that the children move onto new pastures as real musicians.

Music at Ribbon

At Ribbon, all children develop their music appreciation skills by listening and responding to a wide range of musical genres. Music vocabulary is reinforced during weekly 'Music of the Moment' sessions which is discussed in class, shared through social media with parents and played during Ribbon Radio broadcasts in the main school corridor.

Our children receive a weekly music session which are delivered by a music specialist (following a bi-weekly rota) and during cross-curriculum sessions (whenever suitable) from their class teacher. Skills developed include playing the ocarina, recorders, a range of percussion in addition to singing, notation reading and composition, using computer software to enhance the learning.

Examples of learning at Ribbon

We believe that 'performance' is a key aspect of music. At Ribbon, the children showcase their developing musical abilities to their peers each week in class. Throughout the year, children take part in Music Concerts; showcasing their musical talents and developing the confidence to perform in front of an audience. Children have the opportunity to learn a range of instruments including flute, trumpet, saxophone, clarinet, trumpet and French horn in small group lessons. Our children also have the chance to sing in the Ribbon Choir; performing in Church services and other community events. At the end of the year, a large number of children have the opportunity to perform in a 'West end style' show, which showcases the vast range of talent we have throughout the school.

What our children say.....

"When we listen to different music it makes me feel different things" – Aged 6.

"I enjoy music lessons because they help me to learn an instrument and the different notes – music is so inspiring" – Aged 8.

"It is great to have the opportunity to learn the notes of the songs we know" – Aged 9.

"I love all of the wonderful sounds we make during our music lessons. They my friends and I feel happy and relaxed" – Aged 11.