



Performing Arts

Our Vision for Music

Staff at our school, are aware that dramatic activity is already a natural part of most children's lives. Make-believe play occurs naturally for most children before they even join us here at Ribbon. This allows them to make sense of their own identity by exploring meaningful fictional situations that have parallels in the real world. This can be utilised at school through structured play and drama to encourage pupils to learn actively and interactively throughout the primary years and across the curriculum.

Drama is ideal for cross-curricular learning and is a valuable tool for use in many subject areas. In particular, drama develops literacy skills – supporting speaking and listening, extending vocabulary and encouraging pupils to understand and express different points of view. Dramatic activity motivates children to write for a range of purposes.

Drama gives our children opportunities to explore, discuss and deal with difficult issues and to express their emotions in a supportive environment. It enables them to explore their own cultural values and those of others, past and present. It encourages them to think and act creatively, thus developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills that can be applied in all areas of learning. Through drama, children are encouraged to take responsible roles and make choices – to participate in and guide their own learning.



What our children say...

'I like acting out different scenes from stories we are learning in English and in other subjects like history.' – Age 10

'I look forward to the end of the year show. Last year I sang a solo and I think I am a better actor now.' – Age 9

'This year I have been chosen to be Shrek in the school show. I can't wait to learn the lines and make my family proud when they see me on the stage'' – Age 10

Performing Arts at Ribbon

At Ribbon, drama is delivered across all subject areas particularly in English, History and RE. On a regular basis, children are therefore asked to move and to interact with others allowing them the opportunity to interpret and perform. Moving, speaking and responding to one another, is an essential life skill and one we aim to encourage. Most importantly, drama activities at Ribbon are fun, making learning enjoyable and memorable.

Both staff and pupils use iPads to capture video footage of performance opportunities which is later uploaded to 'Earwig' and 'Class dojo'.

Examples of learning at Ribbon

The children at Ribbon love to sing! Singing is a part of our daily routine, taking part in assemblies, in the classroom and also during a weekly music session.

During one half term each year, pupils have the opportunity to explore dance during their weekly PE session. 'Making shapes', 'Dance machines' and 'The circus' are just some of the dance topics they will cover at their time at Ribbon. Afterschool dance clubs also take place.

Here at Ribbon there is lots of opportunity to play an instrument. All children from Year 1 to 4 play the ocarina or recorder and from Year 5 to 6, they explore percussion instruments. Private tuition is also available with children playing instruments including brass and woodwind.

Each year, pupils at our school are invited to audition for our 'End of Year'. Shows in the past included Joseph, Mary Poppins and the most recent was titled 'Step back in Time'.