

Music Curriculum

Music Express



Music express is an online platform, written by leading experts in primary music education. Music Express has quality and engaging music lessons with careful progression built in, from Early Years to Age 11. It is easy to use for teachers with little confidence in music, and allows flexibility for music specialists.

The essence of Music Express is to create a topic-based, cross-curricular approach to support children's learning in music and across other subjects through music. By using Music Express as the basis of a scheme of work, we can ensure that we are fulfilling the aims for musical learning stated in the English National Curriculum.

Alongside Music Express, we also have regular singing assemblies in school and the pupils take part Harvest, Easter, Christmas and end of year performances, where they can practice and enhance their skills in music and performance.



Music on a Page

Two-year Music Express rolling programme

At Lothersdale, we follow the Music Express two-year rolling programme of units for mixed age-group classes. This helps us to provide a sense of progression and ensures appropriate transition form units.

Lesson Bank

Music Express provides hundreds of lessons, with enough material for a year's worth of music teaching.

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2. Song Bank

Select from over 350 diverse songs to suit any age-group or occasion.

Assessment

Music sessions are assessed using formative and summative assessment strategies. In lessons, teachers will formatively assess pupils knowledge and understanding, against the music express key skills and progression document.

A two-year rolling programme of units for mixed age-group classes

Year 1 and 2

To provide a sense of progression and to ensure appropriate transition:

- The unit at the beginning of the year (Autumn term) is taken from the younger age group
- The unit at the end of the year (Summer term) is taken from the older year group

Autumn Year 1	Spring Year 1	Summer Year 1	Autumn Year 2	Spring Year 2	Summer Year 2
Ourselfs Year 1	Patterns Year 1	Number Year 1	Storytime Year 1	Weather Year 1	Travel Year 1
Animals Year 2	Our land Year 2	Water Year 2	Weather Year 2	Toys Year 2	Ourselfs Year 2
Weather Year 1	Seasons Year 1	Our school Year 1	Machines Year 1	Our bodies Year 1	Animals Year 1
Storytime Year 2	Travel Year 2	Our bodies Year 2	Number Year 2	Patterns Year 2	Seasons Year 2

Year 3 and 4

To provide a sense of progression and to ensure appropriate transition:

- The unit at the beginning of the year (Autumn term) is taken from the younger age group
- The unit at the end of the year (Summer term) is taken from the older year group

Autumn Year 3	Spring Year 3	Summer Year 3	Autumn Year 4	Spring Year 4	Summer Year 4
Environment Year 3	In the past Year 3	Building Year 3	Communication Year 3	China Year 3	Hamish Duddy Year 3
Sounds Year 4	Time Year 4	Ancient worlds Year 4	Poetry Year 4	Singing Spanish Year 4	Buildings Year 4
Poetry Year 3	Food and drink Year 3	Singing French Year 3	Time Year 3	Sounds Year 3	Ancient worlds Year 3
Communication Year 4	Around the world Year 4	Recycling Year 4	Environment Year 4	In the past Year 4	Food and drink Year 4

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1. Lesson Bank

The Song Bank

Music Express provides us with over 400 songs to learn and perform. We use these songs for singing assemblies and during music sessions, to build pupils confidence with performance and singing.



The leading provider of in-school band lessons for primary age children



Rock Steady

At Lothersdale, we also work with Rock Steady, a company which provide weekly in-school band lessons that celebrate fun, individuality and creativity!