

Music

At Tregoze Primary School, we plan and teach lessons to engage and inspire children to develop a love of music and to develop their talent as musicians. We believe it is really important for the children to have an enjoyment for music and be given the opportunity to explore their creativity. To support our music teaching, we use [Charanga] (Link to <https://charanga.com/site/>), which is an online scheme that includes lots of visual aids and interactive resources to support the children's learning about music. Within music lessons, the children are given the opportunity to:

- Perform, listen to, review, and evaluate music, composers, and musicians.
- Learn to sing and to use their voices and to create and compose music on their own and with others.
- Have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument and use technology to compose.
- Understand and explore how music is created, produced, and communicated: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure, and appropriate musical notations.

In years 3, 4, and 5, the children have a 30-minute session a week that is taught by a specialist from the Swindon Music Service. Year 3 spend the year learning how to play the ukulele, and years 4 and 5 learn to play the African drums. This is a fantastic opportunity and often leads to children taking up individual music lessons for that instrument. Each year, one of the drumming or the ukulele classes gets to perform, alongside other schools, at the Platform Music Theatre in front of parents and other schools. KS1 and year 6 have singing lessons that are linked to their topics and productions, such as the nativity play.

All children take part in a singing assembly once a week. Each term a different genre of music and composer is introduced, which the music played and songs learned matching these genres. We also learn hymns linked to seasons, Christmas carols, and songs for the annual music festivals. We have a singing teacher who teaches the children songs which have been chosen for the schools Christmas carol service.

At Tregoze Primary School, we have two choirs. The KS2 choir attends a club in the autumn and spring term where they learn songs for the Junior Voice Festival, and the KS1 choir learn theirs for the Infant Voice Festival in the summer term. In reception, the children are taught their songs in class for the Early Years Festival in the spring term.

To support our music teaching and provide engaging opportunities for our pupils, we often invite guests into our school. Each year we have two roadshows, one of which is performed using wind instruments and the other using stringed. We also provide opportunities for children to learn a musical instrument, such as the drums, guitar, recorder, or keyboard. At the end of each year, year 6 perform a musical to the school, parents, and the community.

Twice a year, we have a music day which has a particular focus on being able to:

- Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music.
- Listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory.
- Use and understand staff and other musical notations.