



# Intent, Implementation and Impact for Music

## **Intent**

At Woodthorpe Primary School our children have the opportunity to explore a range of musical experiences through performance, listening, reviewing and evaluating music from around the world. We encourage children to participate in a variety of musical experiences through which we aim to build up the confidence of all children. We are committed to ensuring children understand the value and importance of music to their own and others' lives and wellbeing and also the impact music may have on the wider community. There are many opportunities for children to learn a musical instrument both in a class situation and through our peripatetic teachers or be a part of a musical group such as choir, violin and ukulele groups.

## **Implementation**

At Woodthorpe, our children will learn that music is a universal language that represents one of the highest forms of creativity. Our music curriculum ensures children sing, listen, play, perform, and evaluate. This is embedded in the classroom through a structured music programme and is also delivered by Sheffield Hub peripatetic teachers, as well as weekly singing assemblies, various concerts and performances and musical clubs. At Woodthorpe, our teaching focuses on developing the children's ability to understand rhythm and follow a beat. Through singing songs, children learn about the structure and organisation of music. We teach them to listen and to appreciate different forms and are taught the technical vocabulary such as volume, pitch, beat and rhythm and encourage children to discuss music using these terms. The school has whole-class teaching of the violin in Years 3 and in Y4 the children build on these skills and also begin to learn to play the ukulele. All of these lessons incorporate the teaching of musical notation, singing, as well as learning to play an instrument. In years 5 and 6 follow on group music lessons are also available to pupils to continue to develop their skills and ability on a musical instrument. Opportunities are taken to perform in class, in whole assemblies and also to parents and the wider community. Additional opportunities are offered in music through the Sheffield Music Hub.

## **Impact**

At Woodthorpe, the children's musical skills and understanding is built on year on year, from singing simple songs from memory and performing simple rhythm patterns in KS1, to more advanced techniques, skills and understanding in KS2 where the children are able to play an instrument confidently, and have the ability to read and follow simple musical scores. The music curriculum at Woodthorpe engages, inspires and nurtures the children to have a love of music, which in turn develops their skills as musicians and performers, but also, increase their creative skills and self-confidence.