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Arts Ambassadors' learning review

We are pleased to share with you our January edition of our Creative Arts newsletter. These newsletters are designed to give you information about the fabulous Arts learning taking place in our school and to celebrate the achievements of our children.

Please read on to find out more about what each year group have been learning about this half term.

What have our Early Years classes been learning about in Music?

In Nursery, our children have been learning Nursery rhymes as a way of developing their phonological awareness. They've also learnt how to spot rhyming words. They will be building up to copying simple rhythms and clapping syllables.

Our Reception children have been exploring ways of playing instruments and recapping names of instruments. They have also created and modelled patterns – tap, tap, scrape – tap, tap, scrape. Playing the conductor game has been very entertaining for our children, with one person conducting the audience to stop, start, play louder and quieter. Leading up to Easter, our children will be singing a variety of Easter and spring songs.

What have Year 1 been learning about in Music?

Our Year 1 children have been exposed to music from different genres, such as pop, rock, reggae and classical. They have particularly enjoyed listening to Ed Sheeran, Mozart and Bob Marley. They have commented on the speed of the music and how high and low the sounds are in each piece.

What have Year 2 been learning about in Music?

This half term, Year 2 have been learning about the musical terms dynamics, tempo and pitch. They will be exploring the features of different types of genres, such as classical, pop, reggae and dance music.

What have Year 3 been learning about in Music?

This half term, Year 3 have been learning about improvisation. They are build up to creating their own beginning, middle and end sequence of a piece of music, ready to perform to each other. Within their lessons they have experimented with playing a range of tuned and untuned percussion instruments to create different sounds and rhythms. They've also practiced chanting together.

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What have Year 4 been learning about in Music?

This term, Year 4 have been learning about the history of different genres of music. They have mainly focussed on the medieval period, the renaissance period and the baroque period. The children have listened to music composed by some of the greats; Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven and have compared this to music they hear today. They will be building up an understanding of how music has evolved and developed overtime, referring specifically to timbre, dynamics and texture.



Musical workshops

This month we have been particularly lucky to experience some incredible music workshops led by students/teachers from Kiddminster college. Their student bands came to perform for our Ks1 and KS2 children before inviting our children onto the stage to have a go at playing the drums, the electric guitars and singing. We felt like we were at a real-life concert!

Thank you to Kiddminster college for taking the time to visit us and we hope to set up these workshops again in the future.

Talent Show

We would like to say a huge well done to all the children who entered their class talent shows. The performances we saw, really blew the teachers away! We are so thrilled to have hundreds of talented children in our school and we can't wait for the main school show where we will see the finalists of each class perform!

Peripatetic music lessons

We are very lucky to be able to provide our children with weekly music lessons led by Samuel Brooks (the guitar teacher) and Ryan and Paulie from Music Academy Midlands who run our Jam Club sessions. The children who take part in these lessons very much enjoy this experience and the skills they develop over time are invaluable! If you would like your child to begin music lessons, please contact the school office who would be able to provide the relevant information for you.



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Parent Notice

If there are any parents/carers with a background in art who would like to come and lead a workshop in school, or to show some of their artwork to our children, please contact the school office via email and address it to Mrs Taylor. We are hoping to build some further opportunities to inspire our children in the Creative Arts.

Thank you