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Arts Ambassadors' learning review

We are pleased to share with you our March 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 and Reception, the children have been learning about dynamics, as well as stop and start rhythms. They've broken up words into syllables so they can put it to a rhythm. In groups, the children have composed their own music to Old McDonald had a farm.

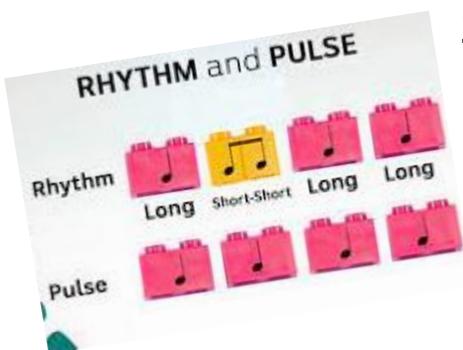
What have Year 1 been learning about in Music?

Year 1 children have been exploring the use of percussion to enhance storytelling and create rhythmic patterns. They have also experimented with using graphic symbols to be able to represent their composition. The children have learnt key vocabulary, such as; rhythm, composition, pitch and tempo. They will be moving on to learning about long and short sounds.



What have Year 2 been learning about in Music?

This term, our Year 2 children have been learning about the difference between pulse and rhythm. They've experimented with tapping along to the beat, as well as copying certain rhythms. In their latest lesson, they moved onto identifying beat groupings within a piece of music and deciding whether the music is in 2/4, 3/4 or 4/4 time. Some of the key words they've learnt are; pitch, beat, dynamics, pulse and tempo.



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What have Year 3 been learning about in Music?

Over the last few weeks, the Year 3 children have been learning to play the recorders. They have been taught how to recognise notes on a musical staff, in order to play them on their recorders. They have also been learning about the values of notes, such as quavers, crotchets and minims. They are working hard to rehearse a selection of songs which they will be performing in the musical showcase.



What have Year 4 been learning about in Music?

Over the last half term, Year 4 have been learning how to play the ukulele. They started with looking at how to hold the ukulele properly, before learning how to position their fingers to play certain simple chords. Once they had learnt this, they had to practice keeping in time as an ensemble in order to play songs and rhythms. They are working hard to rehearse a selection of songs which they will be performing in the musical showcase.

Key Stage 2 Musical showcase **Tuesday 20th June at 9.15am**

We are delighted to remind you that there will be a KEY STAGE 2 Musical Showcase on Tuesday 20th June at 9.15am. We hope parents of key stage 2 children will be able to join us for this short showcase, to celebrate the achievements of the Year 3 recorders, Year 4 ukulele group and Years 3 and 4 choir.