

Music

Music is a unique way of communicating that can inspire and motivate children. It gives an opportunity for personal expression and it can play an important part in the personal development of an individual. Music reflects many different cultures and societies from across the world and so the teaching and learning of music enables children to better understand the world they live in. Besides being a creative and enjoyable activity, music can be a highly academic and demanding subject, with proven cross-curricular benefits in maths, literacy and other key subject areas. It is also important in helping children feel part of a community.

At St Mary's, the aims of music teaching are to enable children to:

- know and understand how sounds are made using our voices
- know how music is made through a variety of instruments;
- know how music is written down (simple notation of notes, pitches and rests.)
- know how music is influenced by the time, place and purpose for which it was written;
- develop the interrelated skills of performing, improvising, composing and appreciating music;
- enjoy and appreciate a wide variety of musical styles;
- make and quantify judgements about the quality of music