



## **Music at Clifton Primary School**

### **INTENT –**

At Clifton Primary School, we aim to develop a real love, enthusiasm and curiosity for music. We aim for children to gain a clear understanding of what music is through listening, singing, playing, evaluating, analysing, and composing across a wide variety of historical periods, styles, traditions, and musical genres.

### **IMPLEMENTATION –**

The music curriculum ensures children sing, listen, play, perform and evaluate. This is embedded in the classroom activities as well as the various concerts and performances and the learning of instruments. The school choir also offers further opportunities to develop singing and performance skills. Through the musical programme Charanga, class lessons are inclusive so all children can access the music curriculum in a fun and engaging way, further promoting a love of learning. Charanga lessons are planned in sequences to provide children with the opportunities to review, remember, deepen and apply their understanding. The elements of music are taught in classroom lessons so that children are able to use some of the language of music to dissect it, and understand how it is made, played, appreciated and analysed. In the classroom children have the opportunity to play a variety of percussion instruments as well as the ocarina in KS1 and the recorder in KS2. Visiting instrumental teachers also offer the opportunity for children to have group or individual lessons on a wide variety of instruments. Children also learn how to compose, focusing on different dimensions of music, which in turn feeds their understanding when listening, playing, or analysing music. Charanga is also supplemented with Music Express to enhance musical skills and activities from the BBC Ten Pieces to further enhance the children's knowledge and understanding of classical music.

### **IMPACT–**

Children are able to access and enjoy music in as many ways as either listener, creator or performer. Music also enables children to develop an understanding of culture and history. Children have the opportunity to discuss and share their own thoughts, opinions and ideas in a way that encourages respect for differing opinions. At Clifton Primary School children are provided with opportunities to further and support their understanding, love and skill at music. These include school productions, class assemblies and singing in the wider community. Individual interests

and talents are also encouraged and showcased in class and assembly, ensuring that everyone is challenged regardless of previous musical experience. Strong links with the local high school and instrumental teachers ensures children know how to continue to explore their love of music at the next stage.