



## The Music Curriculum at Balderstone



### **Aims of Music at Balderstone:**

The aim of Music at Balderstone St Leonard's is to nurture a love of music from all different styles, periods and cultures and to give our children a confidence to create and perform using their musical skills. We will develop their skills in listening, appraising, composing and performing in order to share experiences and emotions with their audience. Above all, music is a way of communicating and celebrating the love of God that embodies our school. We aim to inspire the children to use their musical talents to share in this unique creative form that is celebrated throughout the world.



### **Rooted in our Christian values....**

Through Music our pupils are given opportunities to show their love of learning, love of God and love of each other as they share in their musical experiences. Through performance and the creative process, our musicians develop friendships and become part of a community as the music creates a sense of togetherness. We aim to develop the children's listening and appraising skills through experiencing a range of music and discussing their responses to it. While performing both their own compositions and the works of others, we hope to build confidence in each child and create memories of special moments through their school lives here in Balderstone. In school worship and church services, we give the children the opportunities to use music as a way of praising God, a unique way to celebrate and communicate our faith. We aim to give our children a lifelong love of music which will open doors to communities and experiences throughout their lives.



### **Flourishing for all....**

Across our whole school family, there is a focus in Music on developing musical skills, through singing, playing instruments, composing, listening and appraising music from all different genres, styles, traditions and periods of time. We believe all our children are musicians who through their musical experiences will build resilience and confidence which

will develop their sense of achievement. We encourage and give opportunities for all children to progress in their musical journey.

Lesson design and implementation in Music focuses on creating and experiencing music, using sound to relay thoughts, feelings or a moment in time and encouraging the listener and performer to lose themselves in the experience, asking questions, responding to emotions or just enjoying the moment.



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### **Overview....**

The Music curriculum at Balderstone covers all requirements of the National Curriculum. In our teaching we are using the Charanga scheme of work and have adapted this to meet our school and pupils' needs. Our teaching is supported by a focus on a progression that builds on the stem of learning from previous years as children revisit each of the key elements in music in each unit of work. We use the Lancashire assessment documents to support this progression through school.

We aim to give the children a broad range of musical experiences including taking part in "Let's Go Sing!" concerts at King George's Hall, learning to play the ukulele, listening to and working with visiting musicians, performing in productions and concerts in school and in our community and sharing our music within our church to celebrate our faith. We continue to develop and use a range of technology within our compositions.

We aim to nurture a love of music in every child that they can continue to develop, share and experience throughout their lives giving them opportunities to make friendships and become part of communities wherever they are in the world.