

# Music development plan summary: Odessa Infant School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 – 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Nick Mineiro
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Newham Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Front Row Music

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, co-curricular provision and musical experiences – and what changes we are planning in future years. This information is to help pupils and parents or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

## Part A: Curriculum music

This is about what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

Our music curriculum map, showing what each year group is learning, is available here:

<https://odessa.newham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Music-curriculum-overview.pdf>

Children have scheduled music lessons for 45 minutes per week, and music is incorporated into all other areas of the curriculum. Music is a great tool to help children learn and memorise new things and we utilise this at every possible opportunity. Music is woven into all subjects here at Odessa.

In EYFS, we recently began creating an outdoor music stage area fitted with many tuned and un-tuned instruments, such as guitars, keyboards, drum kits, various percussive instruments, microphones and much more. Children have access to this throughout the day as part of their continuous provision.

In KS1, we are currently working on creating a music room in one of our mobile classrooms. We are hoping to have this ready by summer term so that children can have access to tuned and un-tuned instruments to use during their music lessons, and also to allow them to have some free time to play and experiment with the different sounds they can make.

Children take part in a minimum of two singing assemblies each half-term where they learn a whole school song, usually for an upcoming parent assembly. They also learn songs for assembly performances within their classroom.

We work alongside Newham Music Hub, who come in to deliver specialised music sessions with SEND children to help with their emotional regulation and to ensure they are getting access to high quality music lessons.

We also work alongside Front Row Music who offer small group ukulele tutoring on Wednesdays.

## **Part B: Co-curricular music**

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

During the Summer term, the music lead offers small group ukulele teaching for children in Year 2. This is one of the after school clubs we have on offer.

## **Part C: Musical experiences**

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

We have many fantastic opportunities for children to take part in musical experiences this academic year as performers and as audience members.

Each half-term children will learn songs in their classroom as well as a whole school song to perform for parent assemblies. We will inform parents of these assemblies several weeks before they take place. During the Autumn term, children will be performing in assemblies for: Autumn Harvest, Diwali, and Christmas, with many more planned for the following terms, such as Lunar New Year and Easter.

Children who take part in Front Row Music ukulele lessons will also perform for the school at least once per year to show off what they've been learning.

Children in KS1 also have the opportunity to take part in school discos that happen twice a year. Once for Christmas and then one at the end of the school year. For these discos, we hire a professional children's DJ known as MOJI. These events are always a lot of fun and the children really enjoy getting dressed up and showing off their dance moves.

Children in Year 2 will have two opportunities to leave school to see high-quality live performances of music.

The first will be in November when Year 2 visit The Royal Albert Hall to see Future Makers: a performance curated by Newham Music Hub that shows off the musical talents of children aged 14-19. This gives children an aspirational view of what they could do one day if they continue to work hard on their musicianship.

The second will be in May when the children go to the Gillian Lynne Theatre to see a live production of My Neighbour Totoro—a stage adaptation of the famous animated film of the same name created by Studio Ghibli. This show features incredible staging, innovative puppetry and breath-taking live musical performances. Tickets for the show normally start at £55; however, we are getting tickets at a reduced cost and are subsidising a portion of the cost so that parents need only pay £15 for this amazing opportunity.

## **In the future**

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

We are constantly striving to improve the musical provision we offer here at Odessa Infant School. Over the coming years:

We will continue to bring in Newham Music Hub to work with our SEND children.

We will continue to build and develop our musical areas both in EYFS and KS1.

We will continue to find opportunities for children to see high-quality live performances of music in and out of school.

We will continue to put on assemblies where all children have the opportunity to sing and perform for parents and carers as the main audience.

We will continue to provide high-quality music provision and reinforce the notion that every child is a musician.