

Ewanrigg Music Curriculum Statement

At Ewanrigg we aim to meet the needs of the children through a rich and personalised Curriculum. Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. A high-quality music education should engage and inspire pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, and so increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement. As pupils progress, they should develop a critical engagement with music, allowing them to compose, and to listen with discrimination to the best in the musical canon.

At Ewanrigg School we make Music an enjoyable learning experience. We encourage children to participate in a variety of musical experiences through which we aim to build the confidence of all children. Through singing songs, children learn about the structure and organisation of music. We teach them to listen and to appreciate different forms of music.

As children get older, we expect them to maintain their concentration for longer and to listen to more extended pieces of music. Children develop descriptive skills in music lessons when learning about how music can represent feelings and emotions. Children are taught how to work with others to make music and how individuals combine together to make sounds. We also teach them musical notation and how to compose music.

Listening to, creating or performing music can sometimes be a moving and even spiritual experience. We encourage children to reflect on the important effect that music has on people's moods, senses and quality of life.

Children at Ewanrigg School have the opportunity to encounter music from many cultures and, through their growing knowledge and understanding of the music; they develop more positive attitudes towards other cultures and societies.

We perform a collection of end of year plays, take part in the global Rock Challenge event and organise our own talent show.

Children are offered the opportunity to study a musical instrument with peripatetic teachers. Peripatetic music teaching is organised by the Local Authority's Schools Music Service. These lessons are normally taught to small groups of children who have chosen to learn one of a variety of instruments, such as the guitar or clarinet.

This is in addition to the normal music teaching of the school, and usually takes place during normal lessons from which children are withdrawn for the duration of the instrumental lesson.