



Characteristics of a Musician

“Music can change the world because it can change people.”

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At Stocksbridge Junior School, we are musicians!

At Stocksbridge Junior School, every pupil is a musician. Our music curriculum is designed to encourage children to develop a life-long love and appreciation of music from all around the world, from different generations and from different traditions and communities. We provide pupils with the skills, knowledge and understanding to be confident listeners, performers and composers. We want our pupils to gain a deep understanding of the elements of music and develop a broad and rich vocabulary which they can use to review and discuss the music they listen to, perform and compose. It is our aim to provide pupils with an array of musical opportunities throughout their time at Stocksbridge Junior School so that they are able to continue to develop their musical skills and knowledge in the future.

As musicians, we have...

- A rapidly widening repertoire which they use to create original, imaginative, fluent and distinctive composing and performance work.
- A musical understanding underpinned by high levels of aural perception, internalisation and knowledge of music, including high or rapidly developing levels of technical expertise.
- Very good awareness and appreciation of different musical traditions and genres.
- An excellent understanding of how musical provenance - the historical, social and cultural origins of music - contributes to the diversity of musical styles.
- The ability to give precise written and verbal explanations, using musical terminology effectively, accurately and appropriately.
- A passion for and commitment to a diverse range of musical activities.

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