



During the year your daughter will develop each of the interrelated skills of performing, composing and appraising. These skills will be extended through applying listening skills and musical knowledge and understanding.

She will develop her understanding of:

- how music is constructed (eg the use of musical elements and devices)
- how music is produced (eg the use of instruments, ICT, musical processes and procedures including relevant notations)
- how music is influenced by time and place (eg the effect of the occasion, purpose and venue).

Her work will be organised in topics and within each topic she will:

- sing
- play instruments
- perform by ear and from notations
- improvise
- compose in groups and / or compose in pairs and individually
- listen to music (their own and that of others)

Resources used include:

- tuned and untuned percussion instruments
- your daughter's own instrument (if she plays/has one and wishes to use it in lessons)
- keyboards with sequencing facility
- computer software including CD-ROM and sequencing programmes
- audio and video/CD of pupils' work
- music department prepared materials
- song materials (Silver Burdett Music Course, Jolly Herring, Music Matters, Singing Matters, Make it Sound, the department's own materials)
- other performing materials (the department's own materials, Performing Matters, keyboard books).

Topics

- Jazz and the Blues
- The Overture
- Music for Dance (African drumming and Samba)

Enrichment Activities

The following activities may be offered to pupils during the year:

- (a) The chance to work with professional musicians (workshop format/residential courses/composers in residence).
- (b) Visits:

- to concerts locally and further afield
- to perform in local schools and at local venues

(c) A chance to take part in local and West Sussex activities:

- Trafalgar Concert Band
- Mid Sussex Youth Concert Band
- Mid Sussex Youth Big Band
- Mid Sussex Senior Strings
- Horsham Youth Concert Band
- Mid Sussex Woodwind Group
- Junior Woodwind Group
- West Sussex Wind Orchestra
- West Sussex Training Wind Orchestra
- Horsham Youth Choir
- Strings (Christ's Hospital)
- West Sussex String Ensembles/String Orchestras
- Horsham Gospel Choir
- County Youth Choirs.

(d) A chance to take part in school activities, which may include:

- Millais Choir
- Millais Chamber Choir
- Singing Club / Christmas Choir / Year 7 Choir
- Concert Band
- Orchestra
- String Quartet
- Samba Band
- Clarinet Ensembles
- Flute Ensembles
- Recorder Ensemble
- Keyboard Club
- Composers Club
- Variety of duets, trios
- Pupil Band

(e) Opportunity to learn an instrument:

County lessons - woodwind, brass, string (violin, cello, guitar), keyboard, percussion (drum kit), singing

Private lessons - guitar (acoustic, electric and bass), piano.