

Did you know Music plays a vital part in your child's developing years? It enhances good concentration and develops their listening skills so your child can achieve academically in all areas of the Curriculum. It also allows them to be creative and enjoy learning in a fun way.

Why is music important for children?

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- -helps develop children's language skills
- -helps develop children's self-esteem
- -helps develop children's listening skills
- -helps develop children's math skills
- -helps stimulate children's brain connections
- -Music and movement go together
- -Music relieves stress
- -makes transitions easier
- -encourages creativity in children
- -Music is a great way to teach children with special needs

What we learn here at Curwen to support this

KS1

- Sing various songs expressively and in a creative way
- Play tuned and untuned instruments
- Listen with concentration to a range of high-quality live and recorded music
- Experiment, exploreand create different sounds

KS2

- Play and perform tuned and untuned
- instruments with accuracy, fluency,
- control and expression
- Improvise and compose music using the elements of music
- Use and understand musical notation
- Listen with concentration to a wide range of highquality live and recorded music from different great composers
- Develop an understanding for the History of Music

You can support your child's learning with these fun websites at home:

Stories and performances: http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01vs08w/clips?page=2

<u>www.stringmusicfestival.com</u> – Mozart's Story

Games/quizzes: http://www.dsokids.com/games/.aspx

http://www.classicsforkids.com/composers/bio.asp?id=36

http://www.musictechteacher.com/music quizzes/music quizzes.htm

http://interactivesites.weebly.com/music-fun.html

Creating beats and melodies: http://www.classicsforkids.com/games/