

“A unique family working together to be the best”

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Performing Arts:

Performing Arts is not a specific curriculum area but encompasses elements from many different subjects and disciplines, Music, Drama and Dance. Forest Lodge Community Primary School believes that Performing Arts is a vehicle which allows children to use and develop their imagination as well as enabling them to express a wide range of sentiments and emotions as well as raising the self-esteem. Performing Arts offers excellent opportunities to all children regardless of their academic and social backgrounds and abilities.

Aims:

We aim to provide all children at Forest Lodge Community Primary school with:

- The opportunity to participate in and experience a broad and balanced range of arts, which will also enhance other areas to provide a rich and exciting curriculum.
- The opportunity to develop a progressive range of skills, confidence and self-esteem.
- Arts activities that access other areas of the curriculum, different cultures and those from the local community.
- The opportunity to develop vocabulary so they are able to communicate their experiences and ideas and to evaluate their own and others work.
- The opportunity to use the Arts as an effective medium for achieving other educational objectives.
- The opportunity to perform creatively in class assemblies, shows and productions.
- The opportunity to use class based role play to develop language and communication skills.
- The opportunity to express, themselves, enjoy themselves and to be successful.
- To help develop a respect for others artistic tastes and points of view.

Curriculum Provision:

- Our school ethos and curriculum reflects the importance we place on the arts.

- Art lessons are planned to meet the requirements of the National Curriculum from Foundation stage through to Year 6.
- Drama is a key element of our Literacy curriculum and is used as a powerful teaching tool across the curriculum.
- Dance is taught as part of our Physical Education lessons.
- Music takes place as part of class timetables and a wide range of Music lessons are available for children to participate in (see Music Policy for more information).
- All children have the opportunity to take part in at least one performance, for parents and/or the wider community, during the school year.
- All children are taught to use their voice as a musical instrument.
- We also have a wealth of talent and expertise amongst our staff in the Arts and this greatly enriches the curriculum opportunities we can offer our children.
- There is an established Performing Arts club available for children in Key Stage One and Two.

Planning:

As Performing Arts is not a single subject in the National Curriculum, please refer to subject specific planning for Music, English (Drama) and PE (Dance).

Equal Opportunities:

Equal opportunities should permeate all aspects of school life and it is the responsibility of all members of staff in our school.

At Forest Lodge Community Primary School we believe that equal opportunity is the right of everyone to equal chances and each individual is respected for who they are.

We aim to ensure that planning, teaching and learning reflects equality of opportunity for all of the pupils in our school.

Facilities and resources:

At Forest Lodge Community Primary School we have a number of facilities used to support the Arts:

- Two halls containing sound systems, the larger of which has a lighting system
- A sensory room
- A range of Music lessons taught by external teachers
- Performing Arts clubs available for children in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two
- A dedicated Practical Learning Room
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Role of Governors, parents and carers:

The governing body determine, support, monitor and review all policies.

We are committed to ensuring that parents and carers are informed about all topics that we cover, when homework is set and how to help their child. We also encourage parents and carers support children during any performances that they participate in.