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### Intent:

At Stanhope Primary School, we believe that children should have equal opportunity to access rich and varied life experiences. This includes the teaching of a broad and balanced Music Curriculum, which is based on the National Curriculum (2014). Music is a unique way of communicating that can inspire and motivate children. It is a vehicle for personal expression and it can play an important part in the personal development of people. Music reflects the culture and society that we live in, and so the teaching and learning of music enables children to better understand the world in which they live. It is a creative and enjoyable activity that can also be used as a tool to enhance the teaching of the core curriculum. We provide opportunities for all children to create, play, perform and enjoy music; whilst encouraging them to appreciate a wide variety of musical forms.

Our intent is:

To develop children's talent as musicians; in turn increasing their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement.

To foster children's creativity, imagination and individuality.

To develop children's love and appreciation for music, in a variety of forms and across a range of genres, cultures and historical periods.

To develop children's descriptive language skills when learning about how music can represent different feelings, emotions and narratives.

To develop children's ability to understand rhythm and follow a beat.

To learn about the structure and organisation of music, through singing songs and playing instruments.

To teach children technical, musical vocabulary such as volume, pitch, beat and rhythm and encourage them to use these skills when describing and discussing pieces of music.

To develop children's critical engagement with music, allowing them to compose, listen to and critique different pieces.

To ensure that our music curriculum builds on prior knowledge and shows clear progression within and across year groups.