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I wanted to take a moment to share some thoughts on the invaluable role that music plays in the education and development of our children. As many of you might already know, music is not only an enjoyable pastime; it is a powerful tool that supports many aspects of learning. In primary school, teaching music nurtures creativity, enhances social skills, and builds confidence among our children. Importantly, research has consistently shown that engaging with music can significantly impact literacy skills, especially reading. As a school, we are working on developing musicianship so that music isn't just for one hour per week.

Miss Thomas



We aim to provide the children with numerous opportunities to perform in front of an audience each year. This includes performances at school, in church and in other places within the community. We had very positive feedback from families about our Christmas events this year with lots of people saying they loved to hear the children sing. Thank you to those who offered constructive feedback also.



We also sing each day in Worship and teach a variety of seasonal songs or traditional Christian hymns. Here is what some children have to say about the songs we sing during Worship:

*"The songs in assembly are really joyful and they put me in a good mood. I like all the seasonal songs that we do."* Hiba, Year 4

*"The songs sound really joyful. Spring chicken is my favourite."* Saskia, Year 4

*"They are calming and put me in a good mind frame to do my work. Spring chicken is my favourite too."* Theo, Year 4

*"I like 'My Lighthouse' because it's about friendship and I like it when everyone does the actions"* Jaxon, Year 6

*"I like 'Seven Days a Week' and 'Give it one, Give it two'- these are upbeat and positive songs with a good rhythm"* Louie, Year 6

*"I like 'Give it all you've got' as it's fun and gets you hyped up for the day"* Mason, Year 5

In Year 3 and 4, children have the opportunity to learn to play an instrument. These lessons are delivered by a specialist music teacher from Calderdale Music.



This term Year 3 are continuing to learn how to play the ukelele in their music lessons to the song 'Believer' by Imagine Dragons. Here is what some children have say about their music lessons.

*"I really enjoy 'Believer' because it is very upbeat and makes me want to dance."* Ivie, Year 3

*"Playing the ukelele can be hard, especially trying to remember all the chords, but I really enjoy playing it."* Stanley, Year 3

Year 4 are learning the same piece.

In this week's lesson, we watched the song and then tried to recreate the performance. We also sometimes split into two halves to do minimalistic music where we play against each other to create a better sound. We are learning the different chords to try and give our best performance.



We now have a school choir again! They have met after school to rehearse and they tend to sing fun pop songs. They recently performed 'Eye of the Tiger' at Calderdale Choir Competition, which we were super proud of!



In February, Year 5 and 6 children went to Sheffield Arena to participate in a Young Voices concert. This was an amazing experience to sing as part of a mass choir. Calderdale Music organise a similar event held locally and we are looking to join in with this in the future.

*"We got to sing-along with some cool people like MC Grammar."* Frederick, Year 5

*"I loved being with my friends and the whole experience."* Charlotte, Year 6

