

## **Music at Breakspeare**

Every student at Breakspeare has the opportunity to take part in a music lesson once a week.

Students may access their music in a class group, smaller group or through individual sessions.

The music curriculum covers all basic music topics including beat, rhythm, pitch, dynamics, timbre, composition, styles of music, emotions experienced through music and appreciation and music technology. These are linked to cross curricular topics which are chosen according to students' interests. The curriculum is supported by concrete, sensory materials wherever possible. The emphasis; as in other subjects, is on listening, looking, exploring, sharing, developing fine and gross motor skills and appreciation of each other's contributions, while having fun.

All students are given the opportunity to take part independently or with help and to experience a variety of instruments both tuned and untuned , strings, blown instruments and sound makers, body sounds and vocalisation.

Students have the opportunity to attend music club and/or choir at lunch time and to "sing" together in assembly. There are also many opportunities provided by the class teacher to experience musical activities e.g. singing, listening to music, exploring sound makers.

Students experience live music performances in school including brass ensemble, woodwind group, didgeridoo, and also as part of drama performances e.g. Bamboozle, Oily Cart. They also take part in music workshops e.g. Create, Stomp.

We have links with local schools. We share music making by taking part in events e.g. Primary Music festival, SEN music festival and Christmas concert with Parmiter's.