

Music in the Early Years

The Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (September 2021) separates learning and development into seven areas (three prime areas and four specific areas). The most relevant statements Music are taken from: *Communication and Language* (prime area of learning) and *Expressive Arts and Design* (specific area of learning) and the targets that relate to the Music curriculum, as set out in Development Matters guidance, are as follows:

Communication and Language

1. Sing a large repertoire of songs.
2. Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound.
3. Learn rhymes, poems and songs.

Expressive Arts and Design

1. Listen with increased attention to sounds.
2. Respond to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings.
3. Remember and sing entire songs.
4. Sing the pitch of a tone sung by another person ('pitch match').
5. Sing the melodic shape (moving melody, such as up and down, down and up) of familiar songs.
6. Create their own songs, or improvise a song around one they know.
7. Play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas.
8. Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.
9. Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them.
10. Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills.
11. Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses.
12. Watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing their feelings and responses.
13. Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody.
14. Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups.
15. Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs (ELG - Being Imaginative and Expressive)
16. Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and (when appropriate) try to move in time with music (ELG - Being Imaginative and Expressive).

Music in the Early Years at Danson Primary School

At Danson Primary School we put great emphasis on encouraging and developing Music skills from an early age through a mixture of adult-led learning and child-initiated play. Our rich indoor and outdoor environments provide our children with a wide variety of opportunities to explore and engage in singing, music making and creative performing.