

## Music

*'Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity'*

The Primary National Curriculum, 2014

At St Matthew's C of E Primary School children are taught from Early Years to use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs, rhymes and chants. They are encouraged to play tuned and untuned instruments in many different contexts. This is continued right through the Key Stages and within our extra-curricular music club, 'Rock Choir'.

Children also develop knowledge of music through history, cultures and traditions.

### Key Stage 1:

Through Key Stage 1, children are exposed to different types of music which they listen to carefully thinking about the different genres. They also experiment with different sounds and begin to combine them.

### Key Stage 2:

Specialist music teachers provide every child in Key Stage 2 with the opportunity to play a musical instrument, a variety of percussion instruments and ukuleles. Singing techniques are developed and children are taught to perform in solo and ensemble contexts, both vocally and with instruments. With this, children are introduced to musical notation.

At St Matthew's we are currently working on different media to help us develop the composition element of music, particularly using ICT.