



At West Rainton Primary School our aim is to provide all pupils with a high quality, meaningful music education which engages and inspires them to develop a life-long love of music, increases their self-confidence, creativity and imagination, and provides opportunities for self-expression and a sense of personal achievement.

From a very early age, I have had a love of music. Growing up, the house was always filled with music, be it the guitar, the saxophone, the clarinet, the piano or a wide range of music coming from the stereo. As a child I was taught the piano, which I still love to play, but my main passion for music comes from singing. Throughout my life, I have been a member of a number of music and operatic groups and have had the opportunity to perform in a wide variety of places from school halls to the Sunderland Empire and Durham Cathedral.

As music co-ordinator, it is my vision that all children in our school have the opportunity to become real musicians. Hence, pupils participate in a wide range of activities to develop their talents and skills in all aspects of music including rhythm work, instrumental skills, composition, singing and appreciation of live and recorded music. When the children are ready, they learn musical notation and children are taught correct musical terminology e.g. rhythm, melody, pitch, dynamics. It is my aspiration that all children will be able to read and understand music notation by the time they leave West Rainton Primary School.

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