



# MUSIC AT ST MARK'S

St Mark's C Of E Junior School  
Music Newsletter  
December 2019  
Terms 1 & 2

## Celebrating our musical skills and creativity

### A Busy Christmas Choir

The children in St Mark's Choir have yet again done themselves proud this term. Giving up weekly lunchtimes to rehearse for our choral events. They sang beautifully and were wonderful ambassadors for St Mark's at the Christmas Tree Festival, Bourne Hill Council Offices and at The Carol Service.



Special thanks to Mr. Williams for all his wonderful accompanying.



Singing at Bourne Hill Council Offices

### Year 3 Nativity

What a wonderful performance the children gave of 'I'm Gonna Shine'. They sang, acted and played instruments. Congratulations to all involved for a real accomplishment.



At the start of Term 1 the Year 3s worked on musical skills, singing, playing instruments and musical games.



### Year 4 - La Folia Project

Year 4 children were lucky enough to be chosen to take part in a singing project with La Folia and Salisbury Cathedral. Howard Moody worked with the children to compose their own songs in numerous languages, which culminated in a Cathedral workshop performance with professional musicians. They truly were incredible.



## Year 4 - Romans & Notation

After a successful Harvest Festival Celebration led by the Year 4s in September, the children continued work on musical notation, and went on to study The Romans. In this topic, they learned about musical structure and accompaniment and put instruments to a Roman song.



## Year 5 Garage Band & Vikings



Using ipads, the Year 5s experimented and saved sounds to create a backing track to use in a joint music/ ICT project in term 4.



Group compositions of Viking music in 3 sections.

## Year 6 - African Drumming, Musical Elements and Project One Dot



Thanks to the Friends of

St Mark's School and a grant from Wiltshire Music Connect, Year 6 and Year 5 children took part in a one day African drumming workshop. They learned techniques and rhythms, and performed to the school in assembly. This tied in nicely with the Year 6 African topic, and will be used as a comparison for Year 5's Samba Music topic next term.

As well as African Drumming, the Year 6s have been studying the Musical Elements in music: the building blocks or 'ingredients in a musical cake mixture' as Izzie described during a lesson. This has led onto a longer song writing project, learning about melodic shape and harmony to help with composition later on in the year.

## Upcoming Events - Terms 3 & 4

**Year 3 will be learning to play the recorder. Please send your child in with their own if they have it, although we have plenty for everyone.**

Year 4 will be studying China. We will be using the Chinese (pentatonic) scale to create musical accompaniments and compose our own.

**Year 5 will be studying the traditional music of South America. They will learn and perform some samba rhythms.**

Year 6 will continue with 'Project One Dot' to understand some song writing techniques, by singing and studying other musical styles. They will also learn 'Evacuate', a WWII song to enhance their topic work.

**A huge thank you to all our staff and parents...**

Whenever we can, we endeavor to give the children extra musical experiences with outside agencies, and performance opportunities outside school. This takes a lot of continued organization, flexibility and cooperation from all the staff and children at St Mark's. Many thanks to all the help from FOSMS and parents who have also helped to make it another successful term.