

Fostering reading skills through Music Education at Broughton

Music is a universal language that transcends cultural boundaries, and it has the power to inspire and motivate pupils. By integrating reading skills into music education, we can enrich our pupils' learning experiences, enhance their cultural capital, and provide them with valuable experiences.

Cultural Capital

1. **Exploring Diverse Cultures:** Through reading about the history, traditions, and musical styles of different cultures, pupils can gain a deeper understanding of the global context of music.
2. **Appreciating Music History:** Learning about the lives of famous composers, musicians, and historical events in the world of music enhances pupils' cultural awareness and appreciation.
3. **Expanding Vocabulary:** Reading musical literature, biographies, and critiques introduces pupils to specialised vocabulary, enriching their language skills.
4. **Critical Thinking:** Analysing texts related to music encourages critical thinking and allows pupils to form informed opinions.

Instruction

1. **Curriculum Integration:** Incorporate reading materials, such as books, articles, and essays, that align with music lessons. For example, reading about the history of blues before studying blues music enhances comprehension and appreciation.

Inspiration & Motivation

1. **Connecting with Lyrics:** Encourage pupils to explore song lyrics, dissecting their meanings and messages. This can be a powerful way to ignite their interest in reading and interpretation.
2. **Creative Writing:** After studying a musical style or genre, challenge pupils to create their own lyrics inspired by the music they've learned about or stories that are relevant to them

