

**“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind,  
flight to the imagination and life to everything”**

**Plato**

Here at Dartford Primary Academy we encourage our children to be music makers and music appreciators. We provide our children with a learning environment which is richly embedded with opportunities for children to create and value different genres of music. We educate our children to have a healthy mind set which relishes all types of music and acknowledges that people come together through music.

Last year it was wonderful to see the children perform songs and rhymes during Harvest and Christmas festivals as well as school and class assemblies. Also at KS1 last year the children experienced a fantastic 'African Drumming' workshop which widened the musical minds of our children further.

At Dartford Primary Academy we endeavour to provide experiences for children to:

\*Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes.

\*Play tuned and un-tuned instruments musically and with confidence.

\*Listen with concentration and understanding to a range of highquality live and recorded music.

\*Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music.

\*Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression.

\*Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music.

\*Listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory.

\*Use and understand staff and other musical notations.

\*Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians.

\*Develop an understanding of the history of music.