

KS1/2 Music - Singing

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Have you watched teachers tv yet? The programmes are 15 minutes long and **you can watch these programmes online at a time that suits you.**

The following programmes are available:

Singing for Teachers: An INSET Workshop

Getting children to sing is not usually difficult, but helping them to improve can be a challenge for non-specialists. Teachers who lack confidence in their own singing find it hard to introduce and nurture key singing skills in the classroom.

Singing for Teachers, episode 1, centres on an INSET workshop with teachers and support staff at Cecil Road Primary School. Despite their anxieties, Kent Teacher Advisor, Helen MacGregor, takes them through a progression of warm-ups, chants and songs to help find and develop the voice and to explore range, character and pitch. To the surprise of some participants, the workshop culminates in part-singing and pleasing harmonies.

The activities shown in the teachers' workshop are all designed for the Key Stage 1 and 2 classroom and the second programme shows how some of the Cecil Road teachers then put them to use with their own pupils. See the resources and support materials page for teaching tips, exercises to do in the classroom and useful publications.

Singing for Teachers: Strategies in the Classroom

The second in a pair of programmes tackling the issue of confidence and singing skills, especially relevant to non-specialist teachers delivering Music in the Key Stage 1/2 classroom.

Most young children love to sing, but teachers who lack confidence in their own singing find it difficult to introduce and nurture key singing skills in the classroom. Singing for Teachers, episode 2, follows up the INSET with teachers and support staff at Cecil Road Primary School, shown in the previous programme.

Kent Teacher Advisor, Helen MacGregor, worked with staff on warm-ups, chants and songs to help find and develop the voice and to explore range, character and pitch. In this programme she re-visits the school to see how Reception, Year 1, 4 and 5 teachers are using these ideas with children. See the resources and support materials page for teaching tips, song lyrics and exercises to do in the classroom.

