

Year 2 Firecrests

Computing

Summer 1

Creating media

Digital music

Key Learning

Music can show feelings

Music can sound happy, sad, excited, calm, spooky or many other emotions.

Different kinds of music can make us imagine pictures, places, or actions.

Children explore how sounds and patterns can change the way a piece of music feels.

Making music patterns

Music is often built using **repeating patterns**. Children experiment with **long and short sounds, fast and slow sections, and repeating rhythms**. Patterns are used on both real percussion instruments and digital tools.

Creating digital music

Add musical notes by clicking squares or blocks. Change the instrument sound. Add percussion like drums or shakers. Adjust the tempo (speed). Listen back and improve their work.

Exploring musical elements

Pitch – sounds can be high or low. **Rhythm** – the arrangement of sounds over time. **Pulse/beat** – the steady heartbeat of the music. **Tempo** – how fast or slow the music is. **Volume** – how loud or quiet the music is. These elements help children understand how music is constructed.

Exploring musical elements

Digital music

- Created using computers or tablets.
- Easy to change, save, and play back.
- Lets you try many different sounds quickly.

Non-digital music

- Made with real instruments like drums, shakers, xylophones.
- Children experience how sounds are produced physically.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
beat	The beat is the steady 'thump-thump' in music that you can move or clap along to.
create	To create means to make something new, like making your own music or pattern on a computer.
edit	To edit means to change or fix something, such as moving notes or making your music sound better.
emotions	Emotions are the feelings we have inside, like happiness, sadness, or excitement.
feelings	Feelings are how you feel in your body or mind, such as calm, scared, proud, or angry.
instrument	An instrument is something you play to make music, like a drum, piano, or a digital instrument on a computer.
loud	Loud means the sound is big and strong, so it can be heard easily.
music	Music is sounds put together to make something we can listen, dance, or sing to.
notes	Notes are the sounds used to make music. On a computer, they might look like dots, blocks, or lines.
open	Open means to start a file, app, or program on a computer so you can use it.
pattern	A pattern is something that repeats again and again, like repeating notes or sounds.
pitch	Pitch is how high or low a sound.
pulse	The pulse is the steady beat in music that keeps it going.
quiet	Quiet means the sound is soft and gentle.
rhythm	Rhythm is the pattern of long and short sounds in music.
tempo	Tempo is how fast or slow music is.