Year 2 Music Curriculum				
Unit	Time to Play – Exploring pulse and rhythm	Musical Moods and Pictres	Patterns with Pitch	
National Curriculum	Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes Play tuned and untuned instruments musically Listen with concentration to a range of high-quality live and recorded music Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music			
End of Unit Outcomes	Develop ensemble skills through singing a range of songs and musical passing games Learn to recognise the difference between pulse and rhythm Investigate different ways to play rhythms, varying instrumental timbre and dynamics Play a rhythmic accompaniment to a song or poem, selecting suitable sounds and timbre Create simple four-beat rhythms and represent using graphic notation Listen with concentration to a range of music, recognising rhythmic features	Learn how songs and music can communicate different emotions Investigate different ways to express the mood of a song, adding facial expressions and changing voice Work as a class and in small groups to compose and improvise music on the theme of weather Explore instrumental and vocal timbres, selecting sounds to match a mood, character or theme Learn to follow and give simple musical instructions Use songs to inspire a simple soundscape Listen to music and represent sounds using a range of graphic symbols	Describe pitch and timbre of instruments Play simple listening games, using movement to describe the direction of pitch Sing songs, developing pitch matching skills and perform them with actions and movement Learn to use their voices creatively, following graphic notations such as vocal story maps and pipe cleaner notation Learn to play simple melodies and accompaniments using tuned percussion Prepare songs and music for a class performance	
Overview	From body percussion to disco music, this term develops children's understanding of pulse and rhythm. The term begins with songs and activities to get children performing together rhythmically. The children will perform actions and movements to a steady pulse and play simple musical passing games. They will learn songs such as March To The Beat to explore the difference between pulse and rhythm, and investigate different ways to play rhythms, varying instrumental timbre and dynamics. Working as a class and in small groups, the children will learn to play a simple accompaniment to a song or poem, selecting suitable sounds and timbre. They will learn to create simple four-beat rhythms and represent these using graphic notations such as Beat Monsters!	This term, the children will learn how songs and music can communicate different moods and emotions. They will investigate different ways to express the mood of a song by adding facial expressions and changing the timbre and dynamics of their voice. They will develop their understanding of musical mood through simple songs, where they will be introduced to major and minor tonality. Throughout the term, the children will listen and talk about a wide variety of music including Can-Can from Orpheus in the Underworld by Offenbach and Fanfarra Cabua-Le-Le by Sergio Mendes/Carlinhos Brown. They will learn to represent the sounds they hear using graphic symbols and musical doodles! Working as a class and in small groups, they will compose and improvise music on the theme of weather. They will learn to give musical instructions, taking the role of a conductor in a small group performance. They will create descriptive sounds inspired by a song and create a simple soundscape.	This term, the children will be exploring pitch and melody. From the octobass to the piccolo, they will find out about a variety of instruments and learn to describe their pitch and timbre. They will play simple listening games and recall a pitch sequence, recognizing where the pitch gets higher, lower or stays the same. Through a range of songs, they will develop their pitch-matching skills, performing them with actions and movement. They will learn to use their voices creatively, creating sounds to match graphic notations such as vocal story maps and pipe-cleaner notation. They will play simple melodies using tuned percussion and be introduced to the pentatonic scale with songs such as Just Five Notes. They will finish the term by preparing songs and music for a class performance	
Sequence of learning	Step 1: Performing rhythms and movement to a steady pulse Exercise Rhythms (1 lesson) To maintain a steady pulse To copy pulse action sequences To compose call-and-echo movement sequences Step 2: Copying and creating rhythmic patterns How will you play? (1-2 lessons)	Step 1: Recognizing and exploring musical mood Musical Moods (1 lesson) To recognize how music can communicate different moods To explore vocal timbre To choose appropriate vocabulary to describe music (e.g. fast, slow, spiky, smooth, loud, quiet etc.) Happy or Sad? COMING SOON	Step 1: Identifying and describing changes in pitch Pitch Perfect (1 lesson) To recognize and describe changes in pitch To pitch-match simple phrases To explore vocal timbre Step 2: Copying pitch patterns Copy My Action (1-2 lessons)	

To play rhythm patterns

To begin to control dynamics when singing and playing instruments

To explore the timbre of instruments

Step 3: Combining rhythmic patterns Body Percussion (1 session)

To recognize repeated rhythmic patterns

To compose and perform a simple rhythmic ostinato

Step 4: Representing rhythmic patterns Choose your beat (1 lesson)

To internalize pulse

To identify beats in a bar

To compose simple beat patterns

To follow a simple graphic score

Meat the Beat Monsters (2 sessions)

To identify patterns in music

To copy rhythm patterns

To identify rests in music

To compose and play simple rhythm patterns

Step 2: Choosing sounds to match a character, mood or theme *Musical Doodle Boards (1 lesson)*

To use symbols to represent instrumental or vocal sounds

To use musical vocabulary to describe sounds

To follow a graphic score

Step 3: Sequencing and combining sounds to tell stories and create effects

Weather Improvisation (1 lesson)

To create and perform a sequence of weather sounds
To improvise sounds within a structure

Step 4: Creating and performing soundscapes Morning Soundscapes (2 lessons)

To begin to define and recognize a range of timbres and dynamics To create a musical story using appropriate timbres and dynamics on instruments To recognize and describe changes in pitch

Step 3: Creating and notating simple melodies Pentatonic Play (1-2 lessons)

To compose simple pentatonic melodies

Step 4: Performing simple musical accompaniments and preparing for performance

Songs of the Sea (2 lessons)

To perform songs with instrumental accompaniment
To play a simple rhythmic and/or melodic ostinato

Key knowledge (Skills)

Singing and Playing

Sing songs, chants and rhymes regularly with a good sense of pulse and rhythm and increasing vocal control

Sing songs and play singing games, copying pitch patterns accurately

Sing short phrases independently as part of a singing game or short song

Respond to visual performance directions and musical instructions and symbols (e.g. dynamics f, p, <, >)

Perform rhythmic patterns accurately and invent rhythms for others to copy on untuned percussion or body percussion

Play simple repeated rhythms or melody (ostinato)

Explore word rhythms when singing songs, transferring rhythms to instruments or body percussion

Control simple dynamics and tempo when singing and playing

Play simple melodies and accompany songs using tuned percussion

Explore ways to communicate the mood of a song (e.g. adding facial expression, changing dynamics)

Perform to an audience

Listening

Listen with understanding to music from a range of different periods, styles and share ideas and opinions about the music.

Listen to and describe simple changes in dynamics, tempo, pitch and articulation using appropriate musical vocabulary (faster, slow, spiky, smooth, loud, soft, getting louder/quieter) and say how it effects the music

Listen to and interpret features in recorded or live music using dance, art or drama

Move to the pulse of familiar music, coordinating movements and recognising changes in tempo

Respond independently to pitch changes heard in melodic phrases, indicating with actions

Composing and Improvising

Create music in response to a non-musical stimulus

Compose or improvise simple descriptive sounds to match a mood, character or theme

Recognise and explore how to change and combine sounds to create simple effects \vee 4. Explore musical structures, choosing and ordering sounds

Recognise and explore how to change and combine sounds to create simple effects V 6. Use music technology, if available to capture change and combine sounds

Create rhythmic patterns from various stimuli, eg spoken words

Compose simple melodies using a given range of notes

Collaborate with others, trying out musical ideas and make improvements where necessary

	Notation Invent graphic notations to represent simple features of music (e.g. dynamics and tempo) Use graphic notation to represent rhythmic or melodic patterns Use graphic symbols to keep a record of a composed piece Follow graphic notations to guide singing and playing		
Vocabulary	Pulse; steady beat; copy; echo; action sequence Quietly; piano; loud; strong; forte; soft; tap; shake; dynamics; timbre; getting louder; crescendo; getting quieter; diminuendo rhythm; ostinato; repeat; pattern; tempo four-beat pulse; verse; chorus; graphic notation; structure; texture; thicker rhythm; same; different; beat; pattern; sound; silence	Fast; slow; spiky; smooth; loud; quiet; soft; getting louder; getting quieter; call and response; echo; solo Minor; tempo; spiky; jumpy; detached; staccato; notation Timbre; articulation; improvise Dynamics; volume; layer; order; combine	Call and response; echo; copy Ascending; descending; higher; lower; scale; note names (C D E F G A B C') Pentatonic scale; F major; melody; order Fast; faster; slow; slower; loud; louder; quiet; quieter; mood; perform; similarities; differences