

Grange Park Primary School Year 3 Summer 1 Music

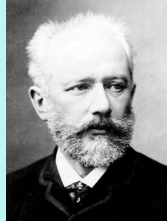
Exploring pentatonic melodies and their Chinese origins

Key composer, genre and instrument

**Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
1840-1893**

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky was a Russian composer.

He wrote classical music for orchestras which was sometimes also for ballets such as Romeo and Juliet, Swan Lake and The Nutcracker.



The Nutcracker

This music was written for a ballet and tells the story of a little girl called Clara who befriends a nutcracker that comes to life on Christmas Eve and wages a battle against the evil Mouse King. It was written in 1892, over 120 years ago, and is still performed in theatres today!

The characters

Clara
The Nutcracker
The mouse king
The sugar plum fairy



The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy is one of the most recognised ballet tunes ever written.

[Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy - YouTube](#)

Key Skills

Learn the notes of the pentatonic scale in C (C D E G A).

Listen with concentration to works of great composers.

Develop awareness of music from different countries having different sounds and different instruments.

Play glockenspiels and xylophones with increasing accuracy.

Improvise music with the pentatonic scale.

Compose music with the pentatonic scale.



Relevant songs

Rain Rain Go Away
Hot Cross Buns
Pentatonic Brick Walls
Gung Hay Fat Choy

Key Vocabulary

scale	A series of notes played next to each other. Usually a scale has eight notes e.g: A to A or C to C.
pentatonic scale	A scale with five notes.
glockenspiel	A metal tuned instrument.
xylophone	A wooden tuned instrument.
beater	The stick to hit the xylophone/glockenspiel.
improvise	Create music quickly without planning, on the spur of the moment.
compose	Write down musical ideas.
pitch	How high or low a note is.
melodic phrase	A small section of music made up of a few notes, like a musical sentence.



Pipa



Erhu



Ruan



Hulusi



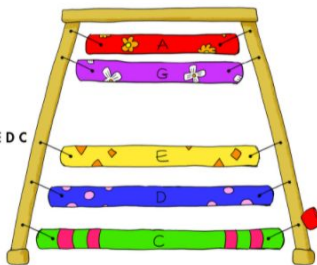
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Playing pentatonic melodies

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5. GAGAGEDC



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