



Spotlight on Music

During our weekly music lessons we focus on understanding how music is created and allow the children to explore this concept. This term, all pupils have been learning about **pitch**; the melody and the way the notes change, as well as **pulse**; the steady beat of a piece of music.

With an array of special musical performances planned for the upcoming festive season, we have been focusing on how to enhance our performance with expression. Additionally, the children are given opportunities to evaluate their own performances, this allows them to focus on what went well and what they can improve on.

Over the course of the year each class studies a composer, which allows them to explore musical history as well as enhancing a love of music. This term Year 2 are exploring the music of Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. He is a Russian composer perhaps more famously known for composing The Nutcracker. The Nutcracker is a beautiful ballet set on Christmas Eve at the foot of a Christmas tree, taking place in a child's imagination. As a family you can enjoy an easy watch version on BBC iPlayer.

Our Music leads are Mrs France and Mrs Behan



Competition Time!

In celebration of this wonderful Christmas ballet composed by Tchaikovsky we are giving **2 children the chance to win their very own musical Nutcracker story book.** Design sheets are available from class teachers and entries must be in by **Friday 13th December.**

