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Knowledge Organiser: Music.

CY3 Autumn Topic 1 Stargazing

KS2

Performance, Composition, Listening and Appraising Skills:

Read traditional treble clef notation to perform Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Create a variation on this well-known melody.

Listen to Mars from Holst's suite The Planets and Strauss Also Sprach Zarathustra - discuss instruments, duration of notes, pitch, accompaniment figures and dynamics.

Appraise own compositions - consider what works well and how it may be improved.

Explore other music associated with Space.

GUSTAV HOLST



BORN: 1874 / **DIED:** 1934 / **NATIONALITY:** British

Gustav Holst was a British composer living and working in London 100 years ago. He was a very interesting man. He was fascinated by space, astrology, religion, meditation and vegetarianism - in many ways he was completely ahead of his time. His biggest success came with his Planets Suite - a set of pieces for orchestra that describes the character of each planet.

There are seven pieces in 'The Planets' and 'Mars, the Bringer of War' is the first one.

In ancient Roman religion Mars was the god of war. Holst composed this piece in anticipation of the outbreak of World War One. It's a march but an unusual one. Normally a march has 4 beats in a bar so you can say "left, right, left, right" but Mars has 5 beats in a bar; tricky to march to!

Vocabulary:

Programmatic music - music that tells a story/ sets a scene

Pitch - high and low; ascending/ rising.

Duration - note lengths

Semibreve - 4 beats

Minim - 2 beats

Dynamics the volume of a sound or note

Piano quiet/soft

Forte loud

Crescendo/ Cresc.



gradually get louder

Time signature - the metre, how many beats in a bar

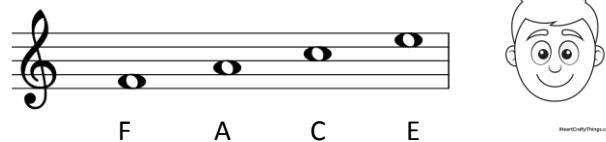
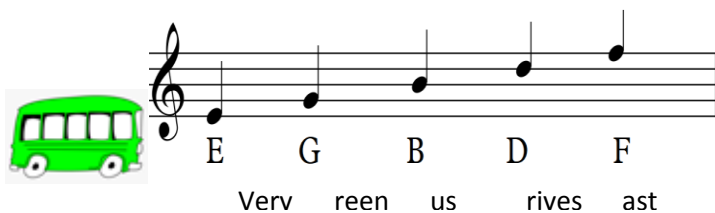
Tonality - **Major** sounds happy
Minor sounds sad

Ostinato - repeating pattern

Variation - a theme is repeated but in an altered form eg. added notes, altered rhythms, different accompaniment and much more.

Treble clef - a symbol used to read high pitch

Treble clef Pitch (for high notes)



Time Signature

