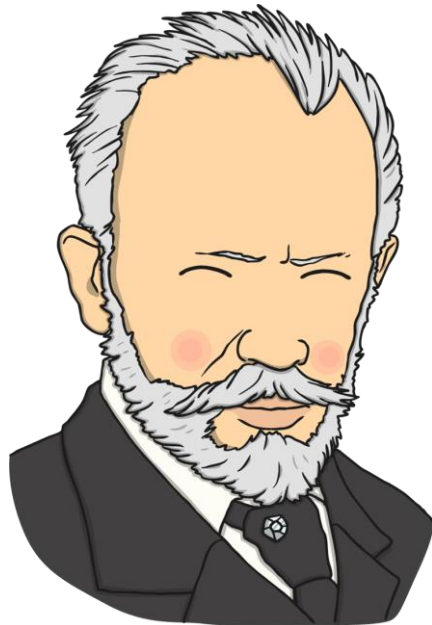




Year 2 Swallows and Swifts

Music

Summer 1



Pyotr Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

Tchaikovsky was a Russian composer who wrote lots of music. He wrote 3 ballets, one of which was the Nutcracker Ballet. Tchaikovsky started playing the piano at the age of 5 and could play as well as his teacher in just three years!

Key Vocabulary

Tempo- the speed or pace of a piece of music.

Beat- The number of notes in a bar.

Metre- The recurring pattern of beats.

Score- The printed sheet of music that musicians follow.

Composer- A person who composes music.

Ballet- A dance that tells a story to music.

The Nutcracker Ballet

Was one of Tchaikovsky's most famous ballets. It was composed and performed in 1892, just before Tchaikovsky died. The story of the ballet is set on Christmas Eve and so is a popular performance around Christmas time.



Start of Unit:

What is a ballet?

A dancer

A story set to music

The speed of a piece of music

What is a composer?

Someone who writes music

Someone who dances to music

Someone who sings to music

Name a ballet?

End of Unit:

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