

## Autumn 2

### **Week 1(Diwali)**

This week many people are celebrating the Hindu festival Diwali. The music we're listening to this week might be played during the festival when Hindu's give thanks to Shri-Lakshmi, Hindu mother-goddess who nurtures and nourishes all life.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Au1HtkteZ2g>

### **Week 2 (Diversity)**

This piece of music is one of the most famous compositions in classical music ever written. It was written by a man named Sebastian Bach. Listen to the music – you should be able to hear lots of different instruments. They all sound very different (violins, flutes, cello and harpsichord). Bach understood that all instruments have their own sound so he wrote a different part for each instrument. No instrument is playing the same tune but all instruments are working together to create one piece of music. Each instrument's individuality is celebrated but also equal to the other instruments.

**Brandenburg Concerto no. 4:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6hQvvhqfJo>

### Week 3 (Unity)

Music can bring everyone together in unity. We come together to celebrate festivals, families or to remember loved ones and past events.. The music that has brought us together this week in unity was written by a man called Dvorak. The music is about America and many people come together to listen to his music to celebrate the country. It is one of the most popular pieces of music ever written.

Dvorak's 'New World' Symphony <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6hL8xdcaX7o>

#### **Week 4 (Exporation)**

The assembly music this week is named after Mars, one of the planets in our solar system. Through space exploration we have learnt a lot about our neighbouring planets and what they are made of. Gustav Holst was inspired by what was learnt when scientists explored outside our own earth. and wrote one of the most famous pieces of music to describe each planet discovered.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXOanvv4pIU>

#### **Week 5 (Peace)**

A definition for peace is "freedom from disturbance". A disturbance can be a loud noise, worried thoughts or war.

Ludovico is a famous Italian composer who worked with the charity 'Greenpeace'. With his music he expressed the need to give our world peace and free it from global warming and destruction.

<https://ww.youtube.com/watch?v=2DLnhdnSUVsw>

#### **Week 6 (Christmas)**

This orchestral music 'Sleigh Ride" is often associated with Christmas and paints a picture of a sleigh being pulled through snow by a horse. Can you hear the horse clip-clopping and a whip used to get the horse moving. In most performances, a percussionist provides these sounds on blocks and the side of a drum (drum rim). Toward the end of the piece, a trumpet imitates the sound of a horse whinnying.

Sleigh Ride [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t\\_2BmZ6ELal](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_2BmZ6ELal)

#### **Week 7 (Christmas)**

Children are to choose a favourite piece of Christmas music to play.

