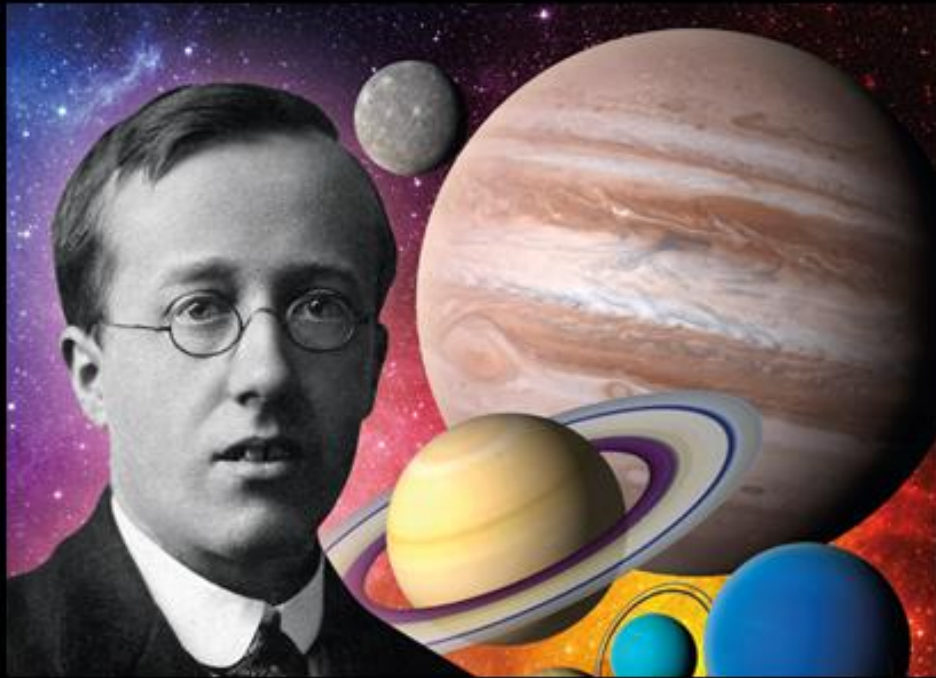


Music of the Month - March

Gustav Holst



- Holst was a British composer who composed during the 20th Century.
- He was fascinated by space, astronomy, religion, meditation and vegetarianism.
- He played the trombone.
- His most famous composition is 'The Planets' and each movement depicts the character of each planet in our solar system.

Week 1 - Mars

- This is the first planet in 'The Planets'.
- In ancient Roman religion, Mars was the God of war and Holst named this movement 'Mars, the Bringer of War'.
- Holst composed this just before World War I.
- This movement is very famous and has been used in lots of films.



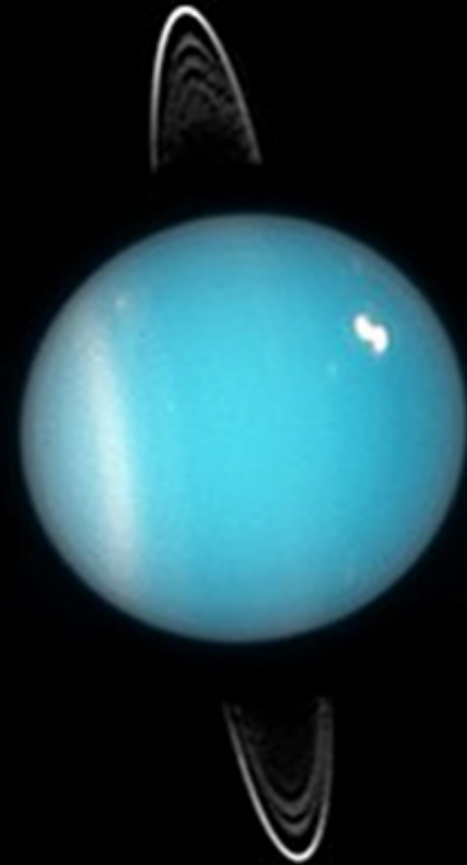
Week 2 - Jupiter



- This is the fourth planet in 'The Planets'. Holst left out some of the planets so the order is a bit different to the actual order.
- The full title of this movement is 'Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity' as it was believed that people born under the planet Jupiter (star signs) were thought to be 'jovial'.
- There is a very famous part of this movement which is also known as 'I Vow to Thee My Country.'

Week 3 - Uranus

- This is the sixth planet in 'The Planets'.
- The full title of this movement is 'Uranus, the Magician' and Holst felt like the character of this planet was cheeky and mischievous.
- Holst used music notes to spell his name within this movement—these are the first 4 notes of the movement and you can hear them throughout the movement.



Week 4 - Neptune



- This is the final planet in 'The Planets'.
- The full title of this movement is 'Neptune, the Mystic'
- Although the first movement is loud and catches your attention straight away, this movement is quieter, slow-paced and dream like.
- This movement includes a choir who sing off stage so nobody can see them.