

Listen Up!

Welcome back to week 5

This week we are going to explore the music and culture of Japan.



Have a listen to this...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igSmbu_E3M4

This is called **Cherry Blossom Storm**. It was written by Masami Ueda, Rei Kondoh and Akari Kaida. It uses a mixture of traditional and modern instruments.

Taiko drums are a famous part of Japanese musical tradition. Here is a look into the world of the **KoDo** drummers.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPSAznr4Ooc>

Keywords

Pentatonic - a five note scale

Haiku - a form of three line poetry

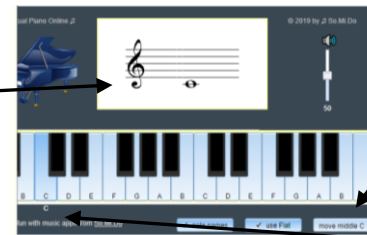
Let's Get Creative!

Let's add some music to our Haiku poetry.

We will use the pentatonic scale to write melodies for our poems using the notes **C D E G A**

<https://so.mi.do/virtual-piano-online/>

As you will see on the piano, it draws the note on the five-line staff as you play it. This shows you the pitch of each note. This note is C.



Before you begin, click the **Move middle C** button.

Make sure that the little letter C moves to the left.

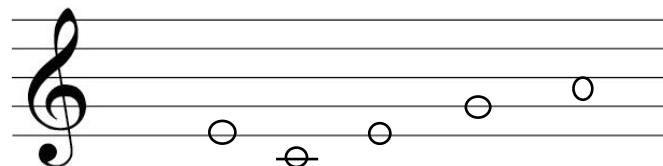
Now it's time to add pitch to your poem.

You need one note for each syllable, so I will need three for the word *Dragonflies*

E C E G A
Dra gon flies shim mer

Next, you need to add pitch to your whole poem. Practise it on the piano making a note of where about on the staff each note should be written.

When you are happy with it you can write it down.
This is how mine would look.



Can you see where the note E has been written? I have copied it onto my 5 line staff.



Explore

Haiku poetry comes from Japan.

Here is Poet Joseph Coelho talking about this form of poetry.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/english-ks1-ks2-understanding-poetry/zfvkt39>

Each haiku poem has three lines.

Line 1 has 5 syllables,

Line 2 has 7 syllables,

Line 3 has 5 syllables.

Haiku poems do not usually rhyme, here is one that I have written



Have a look out of the window and see if you can write some Haiku poems about what you can see. These poems are usually written about the natural world.

Set it out like mine and decorate it using the theme of the poem. I also looked up how to write dragonfly using Japanese characters

We will be using these poems in the Let's Get Creative Section

Extra fun

Origami is an ancient art form.

Ori means "folding", and kami meaning "paper".

Paper was first invented in China around 105 A.D., and was brought to Japan by monks in the sixth century.

Handmade paper was very expensive, so it was only available to a few people, and paper folding in ancient Japan was strictly for ceremonial purposes.

It can be very tricky when you first start to learn, so don't give up!



This is where you will find the instructions to make a Cat.

<https://www.origamiway.com/easy-origami-cat.shtml>

There are loads of other models that you could make. There are lots of videos on YouTube to guide you along.



Have a look at these!

