

Year 5: Exploring the associations between music, sounds and colour

Musical feature: Composition

In this unit we compose our own musical composition to represent Holi, the Hindu festival of colour, which celebrates the beginning of spring and the triumph of good over evil.

Holi celebrations include people throwing and smearing each other with vibrant, multi-coloured paints and powders.



Vocabulary

Graphic score

A way of writing down music on the page without using traditional stave notation, using symbols and images to represent the music.



Synaesthesia

A condition where you 'see' music as colours.

Major

A tonality where the music sounds happy or bright.

Minor

A tonality where the music sounds sad or tense.

Layering

An overlapping of different music or instruments to create a 'thick' texture in a musical piece.

