

The Nutcracker

One topic in Year 3 is **The Nutcracker**. In this unit, students explore the story of **The Nutcracker**. They learn about the main characters, like the Nutcracker Prince and Clara, and the magical adventure they have. To experience this story fully, they visit the **Royal Opera House** in London to watch the beautiful performance. This visit helps them see how ballet tells a story through dance and music.

Along with the story, students also learn about **Russia**, the country where the story comes from. This includes Russian history, geography, and famous artists and painters. They discover the important places in Russia, learn about its culture, and find out how people celebrate holidays there. Students explore well-known Russian art, music, and traditions that are a big part of Russian life.

Our partner school in Russia plays a key role in our learning. They help us with our studies, and we have video calls with them regularly. This is a great chance for us to share information and learn from one another. During these calls, students ask questions about Russian culture and practice speaking in Russian. They also learn many Russian words and phrases, which makes them excited to use their new language skills.

Through this project, students not only enjoy the story of **The Nutcracker** but also gain a deeper understanding of Russia. They make connections with new friends from another country and develop their communication skills. This experience helps them grow as learners and inspires them to explore more about the world.

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What I know	What I want to know	What I have learnt
1. I know what a Christmas nutcracker is. 2. I know some things about the planets of the Solar System. 3. I know what a nutcracker is.	1. I want to know more about Space. 2. Does a nutcracker crack nuts? 3. I want to know	1. I know that a nutcracker cracks nuts. 2. I know that the nutcracker is a ballet. 3. I know that there are different types of nutcracker. 4. I know the nutcracker story. 5. I know how to draw a nutcracker. 6. I know that the nutcracker is made of wood. 7. I know the nutcracker is imagined and made up.

Questions for Russian school children	
1	What subject do you do most often?
2	Do you have a lot of forests where you live?
3	What religion do you to believe believe in?
4	Do you only speak English?
5	Do you have electricity?
6	Do you know what an alien is?
7	What is the most popular name in your school?
8	What school dinners do you have?
9	What's your favourite country?

