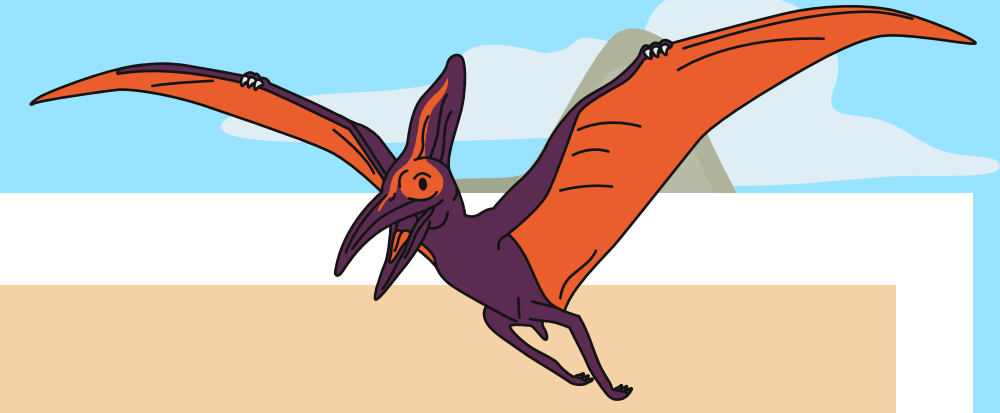


Knowledge Organiser: Dinosaurs



Topic Background

Dinosaurs walked the earth for over 165 million years. The word 'dinosaur' means 'terrible lizard'. Most dinosaurs were plant eaters and were called herbivores. Some of the herbivores had long necks so they could reach the leaves on top of trees. Others were small and ate bushes and shrubs. Some dinosaurs were meat eaters and were called carnivores. Carnivores had big strong jaws, sharp teeth and claws. Some dinosaurs walked on two legs, some on four and others could fly high and low. Some dinosaurs moved very quickly and others plodded slowly. We can make some excellent music inspired by the dinosaurs and their varying ways.

Listening Pieces

- Sinfonietta No. 2: II. Scherzo. Vivacissimo, Krzysztof Penderecki, 1979
- The Rite of Spring, Stravinsky, 1913

Key Vocabulary

adagio: slow

allegro: fast

compose: to write or create music

dynamics: how loud or quiet a sound is

high: a sound that is high in pitch

loud: making a lot of noise

low: a sound that is low in pitch

pitch: how high or low a sound is

pulse: the heartbeat of the music

quiet: making little noise

score: how a musician writes music down

sound: what an instrument, voice or found sound sounds like e.g. twinkly, crunching

tempo: how fast or slow the music is

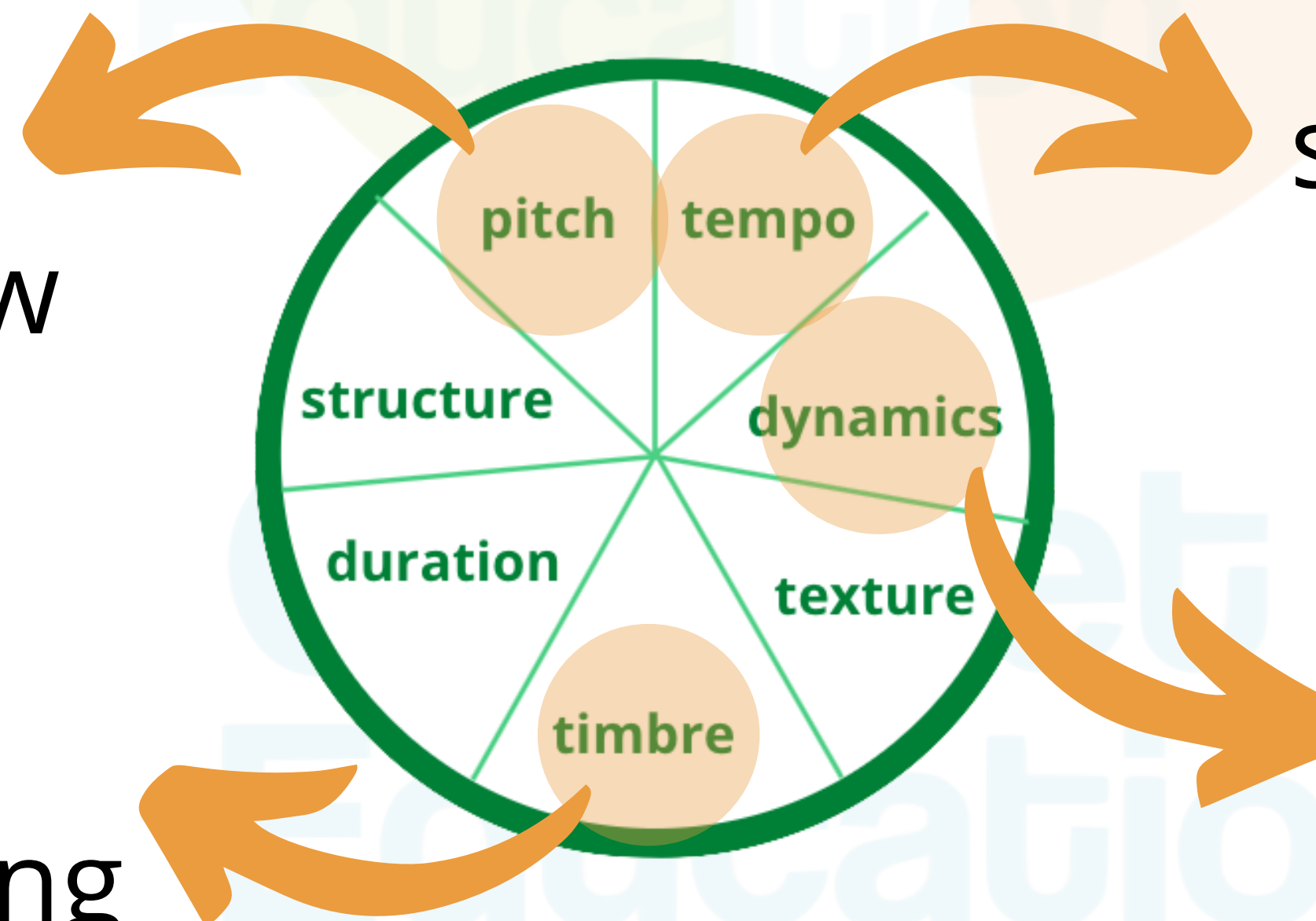
Musical Knowledge

These are some of the inter-related dimensions of music; pitch, tempo, dynamics and timbre. We explore them through listening, singing, composing and performing.



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slow (adagio) or
fast (allegro)

loud or quiet

