



# The Story of Nugget

A narrated orchestral composition that  
tells the story of a little acorn - who grew  
into a big, beautiful oak tree...

.... inspired by a walk in the beautiful Colne Valley

music and story written  
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## The Story Behind "Nugget"

This piece came about after a delightful musical autumn walk, to inspire composition and musical thought with some of my pupils on 20th October 2019.

The walk was across the heathland in Ruislip, part of the wider Colne Valley Park.

On the walk, I picked up an acorn. "I wonder how you would begin a piece about an acorn?"

I pondered outloud to some of the children.

"As a single note," came back a reply. The piece was born.

In the coming weeks, I asked for ALL my pupils, not just those who had been on the walk, to come up with musical themes and ideas.

I was given themes, ideas for orchestration, story lines, musical ideas for those story lines, suggestions of instruments - quite amazing.

Gradually, I pieced together all the fragments over those weeks -

and "Nugget - The Story of an Oak Tree" came to life.

Each lesson I shared the music, and showed each contributor how their theme sounded when orchestrated.

What a lot of fun ! What a lot of imagination !

The following have contributed:

Themes

Talvin Matharu, Kishen Ord, Thomas Snowden, Aleena Patel, Luke Schofield,  
Georgina Ferguson, Dylan Kelly, Maya Dhylan

Orchestration ideas:

Georgie Rohan, Thomas Snowden, Aleena Patel,

Bird song:

Emily Barton, Sienna Barton, Helena Ferguson, Kyan Sethi, Soffia Eddy, Serena Patel,  
Nathan Evans, Harry Evans  
Anya Patel, Ria Mudhar

Extras

Trumpet solo - John Schofield  
Blanket of leaves - Priya Ord  
Leaves - Anya Patel