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## On this day in...

1892, Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's ballet 'Nutcracker Suite' premiered in Saint Petersburg, Russia. It is now the world's most performed ballet.



## Did you know...

The name Santa Claus originates from 'Sinterklaas', which means Saint Nicholas in Dutch. St. Nicholas was a Christian bishop in the 4th century who was known for his kindness and generosity and later became the patron saint of children.

## Go explore...

Santa Claus was not originally dressed in red as we now know him! Can you find out what colours he was originally dressed in and why this has changed over the years?



## Around the world...

Not all Christians celebrate Christmas on the same day? In countries such as Russia, the Ukraine and Romania, Christmas Day falls on 7th January each year.



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