

ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY/WORD BANK

Rhyming	When two or more words have endings that sound the same.
Verse	A set of lines in a poem.
Stanza	A set of lines in a poem that follows a set pattern.
Expanded noun phrase	The use of adjectives to describe a noun. Often, adjective, adjective noun.
Syllable	Beats in a word.
Simile	A technique that uses 'like' or 'as' to describe something.
Alliteration	Is when you use the same sound at the beginning of words, e.g. 'graceful, gliding, glorious'.
Onomatopoeia	When saying a word aloud sounds like the thing it describes, e.g. bang, crash, etc.

Final Outcome

To independently write and perform a free verse poem.



Structure

We are following the structure of 'The magic Box' by Kit Wright.

We will be thinking about:

1. What would you put inside your magic box?
2. What will your box be made from?
3. What will you do with your box?

Overview

- Free verse poems are poems that do not have to follow a set structure.
- They do not have to rhyme in a certain way or have lines of a certain length. They also do not have to look a certain way on a page.
- They often contain figurative language.
- We can use the five senses within our poems to enhance a description – smell, sound, taste, touch and sight.
- Free verse poems often tell a story, describe a subject/object, or explain an emotion.

Non-negotiables for this piece of work

I have carefully chosen my:

- Nouns (things): rather than 'tree', be more exact, e.g. 'oak' or 'willow'.
- Adjectives (describing words): rather than 'big' use 'vast' or 'sprawling'.
- Verbs (actions): rather than 'runs', use 'sprints' or 'stagers'.

Punctuation Checklist

- End sentences with a **. ? !**
- Full stop (for most sentences), exclamation mark (for funny, scary or exciting points) or question mark (for questions).

Metaphor

She is a ray of sunshine.
I smell a rat.
He is the light of my life.
A rollercoaster of emotions.

Onomatopoeia

Crash! Splash! Boom!
Pop! Bam! Snap!
Honk! Buzz! Drip!
Swish! Ring! Crackle!

Alliteration

Eric's eagle eats eggs.
Dreary, dismal darkness.
Pretty purple purses.
All apples are alike.

Simile

White as snow.
Quiet as a mouse.
Busy as a bee.
Cute as a kitten.

